

# Author Won't 'Give Up' Views In Book

CINCINNATI (RNS) — A British scholar whose commentary on Genesis is the source of controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention says he is unwilling to compromise his conclusions to insure re-issue of the volume.

Last year, delegates to the annual meeting of the nation's largest Protestant denomination directed that Dr. G. Henton Davies' commentary be withdrawn by its publisher, Broadman Press of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Rewriting the book was proposed.

The author, principal of Regent's Park College, Oxford, plans to visit the U. S. soon to discuss with Southern Baptists their objections to points in his book.

He will not "give up" the views he expressed, he says, but he hopes that re-wording by mutual consent and the inclusion of other material to stand alongside his scholarship will resolve the impasse.

Dr. Davies discussed the situa-

tion in London with Ben L. Kaufman, religion editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The commentary was rejected by the SBC convention in June 1970, although remaining copies sold quickly in a hallway outside the meeting area. Opponents argued that the books should be rewritten "with due consideration for the conservative viewpoint."

The British scholar told Mr. Kaufman he was dismayed at the "tremendous opposition" in America to his book and to the "fury" in England "amongst a minority." He rejected any attempt to separate him and his critics into "liberal" and "conservative" camps. "All Baptists are conservative, really," said Dr. Davies.

There were three main points of criticism of his book:

He said that God did not command Abraham to sacrifice Isaac but that Abraham believed the act was something God wanted him to do; he said

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## Program Outlined For SBC Woman's Missionary Union

ST. LOUIS, (BP) — "Committed" will be the theme of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting scheduled here for three sessions on Monday, May 31, just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-3.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Texas, president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), said the goal of the meeting will be to secure commitment to missions around the world and in local churches.

An "Hour of Commitment" on Monday evening will climax the meeting, Mrs. Mathis said.

The "Hour of Commitment" will call WMU and church leaders to pledge their best efforts to mission study, mission action and mission support through praying and giving, Mrs. Mathis said.

The commitment service will be based on music led by Claude H.

Rhea Jr., dean of the School of Music, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and by Gene Bartlett, state music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City.

Three addresses will lead into the commitment section of the program.

W. L. Howse, director of the Education Division of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak on the need for commitment to the work of local Southern Baptist churches.

Mrs. Mathis will deliver a plea for dedication to world missions, and Mrs. Robert Fling, president of the statewide WMU organization in New

York, will guide a meditation, "Personally Committed," as well as closing the two earlier sessions, Megumi Matsumura, Japanese student at Samford University, will be organist for

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### Program

#### Annual Meeting

Woman's Missionary Union  
Auxiliary To The SBC  
Opera House, Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo.  
May 31, 1971

Theme: "COMMITTED"

President: Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Texas

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Roy E. Snider, Camden, Arkansas

Executive Secretary: Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Alabama

#### MONDAY MORNING

"Committed to Mission Study"

Session begins — 9:30 a.m.

Concert: Volunteer State Chorale, Ministers of Music of Tennessee, Louis O. Ball Jr., conductor; chairman, music department, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee

"Evangelism: All People"—Kenneth L. Chafin, director, Evangelism Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia

"Dimensions of Success"—Mrs. Bruce Andrews, WMU director, Metropolitan Chicago Baptist Association, Wheaton, Ill.

—Mrs. Huber Drumwright, past WMU director, Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas

—Don B. Harbuck, pastor, First Baptist Church, Eldorado, Arkansas

—Mrs. T. Shad Medlin, Baptist Women president, First Baptist Church, Eldorado, Arkansas

—Claudia Jones, Girls in Action-Mission Friends director, Texas WMU, Dallas, Texas

—Ruth Provence, executive secretary, South Carolina WMU, Columbia, South Carolina

—Harper Shannon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama

"WMU Committed to Study"—Alma Hunt, executive secretary, WMU, Birmingham, Alabama

"In Partnership in East Africa"—Webster Carroll, missionary, Uganda

"Personally Committed"—Mrs. Robert Fling, president, New York WMU, Pleasantville, N. Y.

—Megumi Matsumura, Japan, student at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, organist

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON

"Committed to Mission Action"

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Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer, (at right), discusses with Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor, the four awards received by the Baptist Record at the meeting of the Associated Church Press held April 14-16 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

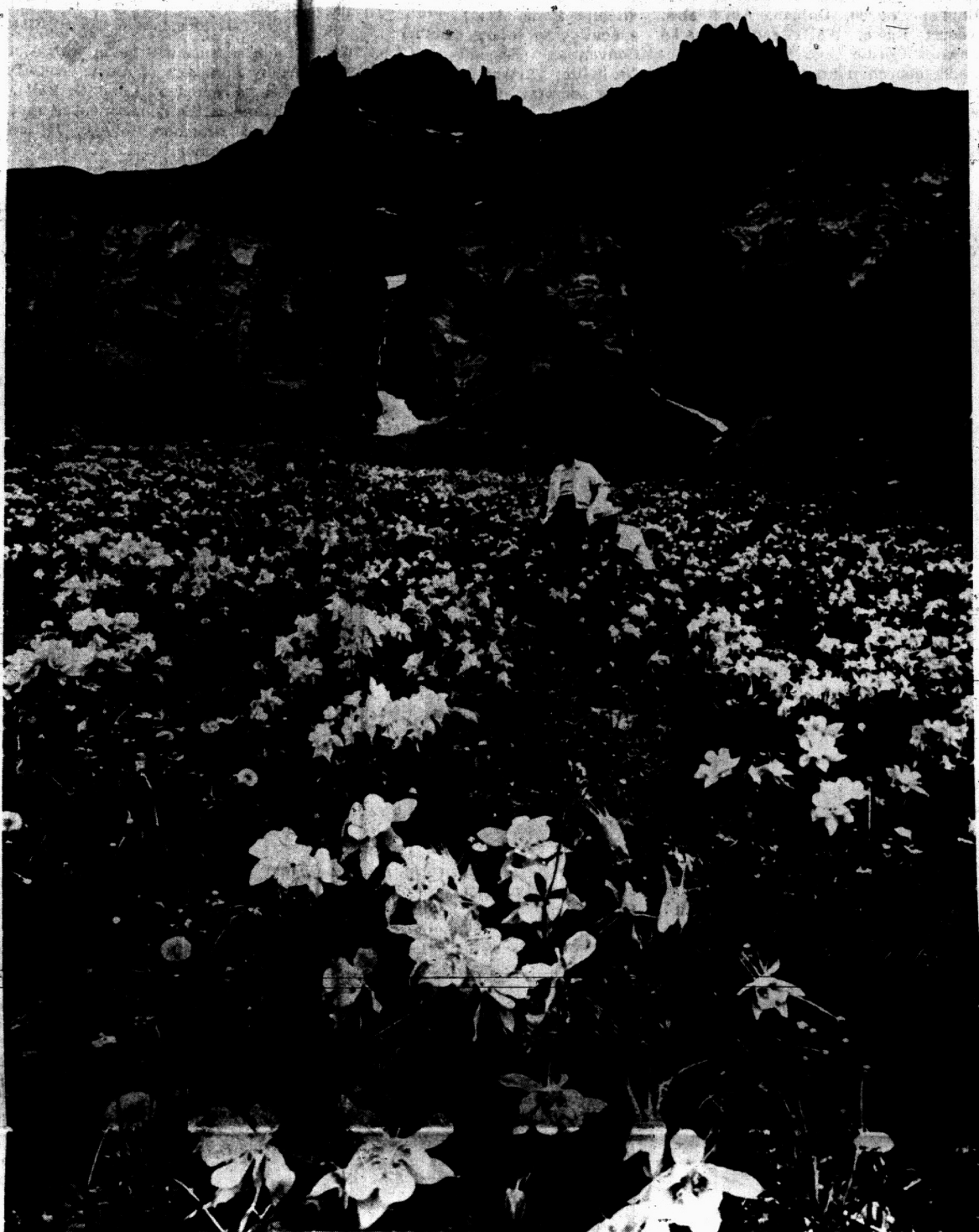
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## Spring In The Mountains

SPRING COMES later to the high Rockies than to most areas but when it comes the scene is breathtaking. Mountain meadows burst forth in wild flowers even before the final snows have melted, providing a juxtaposition of seasons which can be found in few other places.

This scene is near Ouray, Colorado.—RNS PHOTO by Don Rutledge.

### SBC Mission Agencies

## Lay Evangelism Planned

ATLANTA (BP)—The Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention plan a global sharing of new materials and strategy for lay training in evangelism.

The announcement of an agreement between the agencies came from Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Division of Evangelism for the SBC Home Mission Board.

"Our recent lay evangelism schools in Atlanta, the first phase of a national ministry in this area, met with a success beyond our expectations," he said.

"Missionaries overseas indicated unusual interest, so we offered whatever assistance possible to the Foreign Mission Board."

This offer includes missionary training in the schools tuition free, as well as offering to cooperate on plans for training of personnel within national missions.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, "welcomes the announcement that the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board is projecting lay evangelism leadership training."

"We appreciate your invitation to

and strategy for the national lay evangelism emphasis."

The Atlanta schools tested the materials and trained the leaders who in turn will conduct other schools within their states.

The next step will be schools slated in Chicago in April and in Los Angeles and Houston in May.

From these key cities will come a leadership manual for laymen to train other laymen and a manual on how to prepare for a lay evangelism school in churches or associations and how to have lasting results, Chafin said.

He added that state evangelism leaders are designing a strategy for each state, building in "whatever variations they feel are needed and using the resources of the Division of Evangelism as desired."

Chafin also predicted a college and high school spinoff from the strategy and materials.

The training, according to Chafin,

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## Record Wins Four Awards At ACP Meeting

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Five Southern Baptist publications received a total of 13 awards, at the annual Awards Banquet of the Associated Church Press, during the organization's meeting here in Philadelphia, April 14-16.

Associated Church Press is the largest Protestant Press Association in America with 200 member publications.

A total of 17 Award of Merit citations (first place) were presented, and, in addition, there were 48 "Honorable Mention" awards.

Southern Baptist publications received three first places and ten honorable mentions.

The Baptist Record received four awards, including one first place.

The Commission, monthly publication of the Foreign Mission Board, received three awards, including one first place.

The Illinois Baptist received one first place.

The Baptist Standard of Texas received three honorable mentions.

Home Missions, the publication of the Home Mission Board, received one honorable mention.

The first place award received by the Baptist Record reads as follows: "Associated Church Press 1971, Award of Merit presented to The Baptist Record for General Excellence."

Presented April 13, 1971 — Philadelphia, Pa. Kenneth L. Wilson, President; Alfred P. Klausler, Executive Secretary.

The following citation was read with the presentation of the certificate: "The Baptist Record: First, General Excellence, News Journals. The Baptist Record is an excellent state denominational newspaper. Its design and typography invites readership. An open six-column format, a varied headline schedule, and effective use of illustrative materials. The content is well balanced between news, editorial comment, and promotional materials. The focus is upon the activities, needs and concerns of Mississippi

## Bates Asks New Policy At St. Louis

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates here has requested that persons planning to present resolutions to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, June 1-3, submit their resolutions in advance to the resolutions committee to give the committee more time for serious consideration.

Bates also outlined several suggestions for persons planning to submit resolutions to the convention, saying they would help the committee better discharge its responsibility.

He specifically requested persons planning to submit resolutions to write them out in advance of the convention, to type the resolutions on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, and to mail them one month in advance to the chairman of the committee.

Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., has been appointed chairman of the resolutions committee.

Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church here, pointed out that the purpose of his request was only to help the committee do a better job of presenting significant resolutions to the convention. He observed that in the past, the committee did not have enough time to do its work during the convention itself.

Often the resolutions that were submitted in the past were hand-written on scraps of paper, and were

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## Mother's Day Offering Urged For Village

The annual mailing of Mother's Day offering materials to Baptist churches of Mississippi by The Baptist Children's Village has been completed, according to an announcement released by the Convention's official child care agency.

Under the direction of Rev. Karl K. McGraw, Administrative Assistant at the Village, more than 80 bags of brochures, informational material and offering envelopes have been placed in the mails.

"A packet of supplies has been mailed to each Baptist pastor and each General Sunday School superintendent whose name and address is available to us," Mr. McGraw stated. "Each packet is intended as a sampling, with an envelope requiring no postage enclosed for use in ordering additional supplies."

"Any Mississippi pastor or Sunday School Superintendent who does not receive his packet by April 23, is urged to telephone Village offices in Jackson at 922-2242, collect," McGraw continued.

The Village administration has again suggested that the general Sunday School organization in each church be used as a means of emphasizing Baptist child care, its mission challenge and its needs during Christian Home Week, and as a further means of promoting the offering for The Baptist Children's Village and its boys and girls on Mother's Day.

Christian Home Week, including Mother's Day, is the Convention-sanctioned period of emphasis, upon the work of The Children's Village in Mississippi and represents the only ap-

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# Program Outlined For WMU, St. Louis

## Woman's Missionary Union

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the three meditation periods.  
Each morning, afternoon and evening session will feature reports on successful, innovative missions work through WMU, Mrs. Mathis said. Entitled, "Dimensions of Success," the feature will include presentations by 21 persons, such as WMU leaders, pastors, and denominational leaders.  
The "success stories" will be told informally from a battery of microphones, followed, by dialogue, Mrs. Mathis said. Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMU, will recap the presentations and give the national picture of WMU progress.  
Speakers for the presentations will be Mrs. Bruce Andrews, Wheaton, Ill., WMU director of the Metro Chicago

Baptist Association; Mrs. Hubert Drumwright, former WMU director, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.; Don B. Harbuck, pastor, and Mrs. T. Shad Medlin Baptist Women president, First Baptist Church, Eldorado, Ark.; Claudia Jones, Girls in Action-Mission Friends Director, Texas WMU, Dallas.  
Ruth Provence, executive secretary, South Carolina WMU, Columbia; Harper Shannon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.; Mrs. Robert Buice, WMU leader, Dale Cowling, pastor, and Dr. Jasper McPhail, church member, all of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.; Russell Dilday, pastor, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta; Mrs. David Hicks, WMU leader, First

Baptist Church, Oxford, Miss., also Kathryn Bullard, Baptist Women director, North Carolina WMU, Raleigh; James Pleitz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.; Kathryn Carpenter, executive secretary, Louisiana WMU, Alexandria; Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; Mrs. Oliver E. Gilliland Jr., missionary to Indonesia; others are Landrum Leavell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Porter Routh, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville; Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and R. F. Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.

Each session, Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Division of Evangelism or the SBC Home Mission Board, will lead a multi-media presentation on evangelism.  
Missionary speakers include Webster Carroll, Uganda, and Robert C. Davis Jr., Vietnam.  
Wendell Belew, director of the Division of Missions for the SBC Home Mission Board, will speak on WMU's role in missions in the United States.  
Each session will begin with a concert by ministers of music from Tennessee, directed by Louis O. Ball Jr., chairman of the department of music, Carson - Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Sessions begin, 2:00 p.m.  
Concert—Volunteer State Music Chorale, Ministers of Music of Tennessee  
"Evangelism: Total Ministry"—Kenneth L. Chafin, director, Evangelism Division, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.  
"Dimensions of Success"—Mrs. Robert Buice, WMU leader, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas  
—Dale Cowling, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas  
—Jasper McPhail, medical doctor, member, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas  
—Russell Dilday, pastor, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia  
—Mrs. David Hicks, WMU leader, First Baptist Church, Oxford, Miss.  
—Kathryn Bullard, Baptist Women director, North Carolina WMU, Raleigh, North Carolina  
—James Pleitz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida  
"WMU Committed to Action"—Alma Hunt, executive secretary, WMU, Birmingham, Ala.  
"In Partnership in America"—Wendell Belew, director, Division of Missions, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia  
"Personally Committed"—Mrs. Robert Fling, president, New York WMU, Pleasantville, New York  
—Megumi Matsumura, Japan, student at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

### MONDAY EVENING "Committed to Mission Support"

Session begins, 7:30 p.m.  
Concert—Volunteer State Music Chorale, Ministers of Music of Tennessee  
"Evangelism: America"—Kenneth L. Chafin, director, Evangelism Division, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia  
"Dimensions of Success"—Kathryn Carpenter, executive secretary, Louisiana WMU, Alexandria, Louisiana  
—Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia  
—Mrs. Oliver E. Gilliland Jr., missionary to Indonesia  
—Landrum Leavell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas  
—Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee  
—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia  
—R. F. Smith, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.  
"WMU Committed to Support"—Alma Hunt, executive secretary, WMU, Birmingham, Alabama  
"In Partnership in Vietnam"—Robert C. Davis Jr., missionary to Vietnam  
Music—Claude H. Rhea Jr., dean, School of Music, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama  
Gene Bartlett, state music secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
"Committed to the Churches"—W. L. Howe, director, Education Division, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee  
"Personally Committed"—Mrs. Robert Fling, president, New York WMU, Pleasantville, New York  
"A Higher Commitment"—Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president, WMU, Waco, Texas  
—Megumi Matsumura, Japan, student at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, organist

## Wallace Memorial Hospital Facing Physician Shortage

By J. G. Goodwin Jr.

A shortage of missionary physicians at Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan, Korea, poses an acute problem which may greatly influence the future missionary ministry of the hospital.

One of the two Southern Baptist missionary physicians, ministering through this hospital has announced that he and his family will return to the States this summer with a view toward resignation. This will leave Dr. Charles G. Tabor, an internist who was appointed for Korea by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957, as the only missionary physician affiliated with the hospital.

During the institution's 20-year history eight missionary physicians have been related to it on either a short-term or regular basis.

The hospital was begun in 1951 as a relief clinic ministering to the multitudes of refugees who crowded into Pusan during the height of the Korean War. In 1955 it was moved to a more permanent 50-bed facility. In 1960, with four missionary physicians under appointment, a mission study committee recommended an enlarged program of medical work and planned to establish a teaching hospital.

Southern Baptists provided funds through the Foreign Mission Board, and a new building was dedicated in 1968. Now about 80 beds are available, and additional space is being prepared.

The hospital has been approved by the Republic of Korea ministry of health and social affairs as a teaching hospital, and 18 interns and resident physicians are in various training programs this year. In addition



Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan, Korea, is said to face a shortage of missionary physicians which will affect its future ministry. The 80-bed hospital has two missionary physicians, and one may resign.—(Photo by Anthony Stella Jr.)

to the two missionary physicians, eight Korean physicians in the major medical specialties serve as department heads and staff physicians.

Since a large number of Korean medical school graduates emigrate to the United States and other countries each year, the availability of qualified physicians is a perennial problem. In recent years Korean medical and nursing schools have increasingly helped alleviate the shortage of medical personnel in American and European hospitals.

In its early years Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital was known pri-

marily for its charity work. Today a growing economy and the increased affluence of patients have made the hospital all but self-supporting.

But regardless of their financial circumstances, the vast majority of those who come to the hospital have needs that go beyond the physical. The aim of the hospital is not merely to provide the best available medical care but to provide that care with a compassionate concern that tries to meet the patient's whole needs—spiritual as well as physical.

The present hospital missionary staff is committed to this purpose.

This includes an administrator, a medical technologist, a pharmacist and three nurses in addition to the two physicians. However, projecting a hospital program with only one missionary physician is going to pose many problems.

The future of Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital may well depend on whether or not physicians are available for service here whose compassion equals their medical abilities and preparation. The patients are still coming. Who stands ready to help with their physical needs and introduce them to the Great Physician?

## Dr. Bates Asks New Policy Author Won't 'Give Up' Views

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frequently very difficult to read, he added.

Bates said he did not want to stifle or discourage anyone from presenting spontaneous resolutions of concern, and that messengers could still present resolutions from the floor without having submitted them in advance. Bates said his suggestion, however, would help the committee and the convention greatly.

The SBC president gave several other suggestions to those wishing to submit resolutions.

He asked that each person submitting a resolution type on the resolution his name, identifying title, and name of the church of which he is a messenger, and also to sign the resolution.

Such resolutions should have a brief title, should follow the generally recognized pattern for formal resolution to a convention, and should be clearly and concisely written, Bates suggested.

Although the resolution should be mailed in advance to the resolutions committee, it should be presented to the convention with a brief statement of about 50 words stating the central concern without reading the full resolution, Bates said.

Bates added that his suggestions applied only to resolutions, and did not cover motions which might call for specific actions by the convention.

Under SBC procedure, Bates said, resolutions are automatically referred to the resolutions committee which

has the responsibility for bringing the final drafts to the convention; while motions are scheduled for direct discussion and action by the full convention without referral to committee.

### Children's Building

#### Directors Announced

#### For Assemblies, 1971

NASHVILLE — Children's building directors for the 1971 summer season at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist assemblies have been announced, according to Daryl Heath, consultant in children's work, Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday-School Board.

Miss Sarah Hensley, a school teacher from Burnsville, N.C., will serve as director at Ridgecrest. This will be her second summer in this capacity.

Mrs. J. R. Bevington, a public school teacher from Jacksonville, Tex., will serve as director at Glorieta.

**AFLUENCE IN U. S.** — Ten years ago, median family income in the U. S. was \$5,417 a year. Today, it is \$9,280. While inflation has decreased the purchasing power of today's dollar, the median family income for 1970 had 36% more buying power than the median income ten years earlier.

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The Flood was localized rather than worldwide, and the Torah, or first five books of the Old Testament, represent a compilation of several earlier documents rather than just the works of Moses.

Dr. Davies feels his credibility in England is greater than in America. He is the newly-elected president—an office he will hold for one year—of the 200,000-member Baptist Union of Great Britain.

He wondered, according to Mr. Kaufman's report in the Enquirer, whether Southern Baptists went outside their own fold for a writer so that if the commentary was unacceptable it would be blamed on "the Times" across the Atlantic.

He said he would be in Nashville—the headquarters of Broadman press—in July and will ask editors to "point out passages that are difficult for them."

If agreeable, he stated, he will "give more space to conservative views" on the three disputed points.

"I'm going to make a real effort to meet their needs because they are in real difficulty trying to maintain unity in their convention."

Dr. Davies added, however, that he could not give up his position on the

authorship of the Torah but he might be willing to express it "in the setting of other views."

Likewise, he said he would not "move" on his interpretation of the Abraham and flood stories, but he "might" phrase them differently.

### MC Concert Choir

#### To Present "The Seven Last Words..."

A unique choral work, "The Seven Last Words of the Saviour on the Cross," by Joseph Haydn, will be presented by the Mississippi College Concert Choir on Thursday, April 22, at 8 p.m. in Provine Chapel.

Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, will serve as narrator for the program.

A quartet composed of Susan Doty, soprano from Forest; Jane Barfield, alto from Kosciusko; Phil Odum, tenor from Jackson; and Ken Nolan, bass from Fernandina Beach, Fla., will be featured with the 60-voice choir.

The Concert Choir is under the direction of Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts. Accompanying on the Moller organ will be Billy R. Trotter, assistant professor of music.

The program is open to the public and no admission will be charged.

## Ouachita Hires Millionaire Fund Raiser

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)—Jack Buras, 23-year-old part-time student at Ouachita Baptist University here, and his family recently inherited \$82.7 million but he appears unexcited about the whole thing.

What he really wants to do, he said, is to work part-time raising funds for and promoting Ouachita's school of music, and to continue his work as minister of music at a Missionary Baptist church in Prattville, Ark.

"I wanted to be something besides a millionaire," explained Buras, who has been one only since last August when a southern Louisiana oil fortune was finally untangled from a legal snarl with the Orleans Levy Board.

So Buras went to Daniel R. Grant, president of the (Southern) Baptist school, and Ben M. Elrod, Ouachita's vice president for development and asked what he could do to help Ouachita.

## Midwestern Restructures Degree Program

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—The trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary meeting here endorsed a completely restructured degree program, elected the seminary's first academic dean and approved six visiting professors for 1971-72.

Called the "Midwestern Plan," the new degree program involves a completely new curriculum for the master of divinity and master of religious education degrees.

Beginning in August, 1970, Midwestern seminary will discard its current semester system, offering instead 11 four-week terms.

## Court Denies CO Status In Specific Wars

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court here denied that conscientious objection to participation in a particular war is required by the First Amendment to the Constitution or by the provisions of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967.

The court's decision came as a result of an appeal by two conscientious objectors to particular wars (specifically the Vietnam War) but who are not objectors to all wars.

There was no question in the opinion of the court concerning the sincerity or religious quality of the views of either of these men.

In its decision the court upheld the validity of the provision for conscientious objection to all war as set forth in the Selective Service Act, but it did not extend this right to objection to particular wars.

## Church Plans To Assist Young Drug Users

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (RNS)—A spiritual "crash pad" (coffee house) for young drug users is planned by the Northside Baptist church here. Members of the congregation have already donated \$5,400 toward its operation.

The sponsors want to set up the facility in the Gulf Beach community of Treasure Island, near St. Petersburg, but public officials are undecided whether they want it in the township.

The church group picked Treasure Island because its research showed that the community is a major gathering place for young drug users.

According to Chester Vanscoy, spokesman, the aim of the coffee house would be to attract the young drug user who "deep down wants to stop using drugs."

## Illinois Proposes Statewide Fund Campaign

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP)—The 72-member Board of Directors for the Illinois Baptist State Association here voted to recommend a year-long statewide stewardship emphasis among Southern Baptist churches in Illinois during 1972-73.

Under the plan approved by the board, the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission would be requested to help lead the campaign, which would be the first of its kind.

Under the proposed plan, the SBC Stewardship Commission and the state convention's stewardship department, headed by H. C. Croslin, would coordinate a statewide effort aimed, toward helping local churches and associations set increased stewardship goals in keeping with their objectives for 1972-73.

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**Award of Merit**  
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One of four Merit Awards received by Baptist Record at ACP meeting.

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cellence" in the mission magazine category. The Illinois Baptist award was for its "Editorial Advocacy" in its opposition to the use of public funds for parochial schools.

Other awards of the Commission and those of the Baptist Standard and Home Missions were for reportage, editorial advocacy, use of photographs or other areas of journalism.

The Associated Church Press is a service organization, bringing together editors of religious publications from many different denominations, and from independent publications with no denominational relationships. The organization does not take a theological position, nor serve as a unifying agency, but rather simply seeks to serve all of the papers in

their common problems and purposes.

While a number of Southern Baptist publications are members of Associated Church Press, only four editors were present for the 1971 meeting. They were John Hurt, Texas; Erwin McDonald, Arkansas; Ross Edwards, Missouri; and Joe Odle, Mississippi.

**VIETNAM:** A narcotics investigator on assignment with the U.S. Air Force told the congregation of English-language Trinity Baptist Church in Saigon that a GI who becomes a heroin addict in Vietnam is hard put to support the habit back in the States. This is because heroin in Vietnam is 97 per cent pure whereas in the States it is only 3 per cent pure, according to investigator Truman Hight.

**COLOMBIA:** The Colombian Baptist Convention, meeting in Medellin, elected its first executive secretary during its 20th annual session. He is Ramiro Perez, pastor of First Baptist Church, Armenia. His wife was elected president of the Colombian Woman's Missionary Union. Ramon Medina of Cali succeeded Manuel Calderon as convention president.

A record 245 messengers adopted a record budget of 350,000 pesos and admitted five new churches to the convention. When it was learned that the proposed budget could not be met because a leading church had not given its offerings for national missions, pastors and laymen pledged 15,000 pesos to make up the deficit, reported Mrs. Joan Norman, Southern Baptist missionary.



## Rains Devastate Peruvian Desert

By James B. Boswell, Missionary  
NOTE: On May 31, 1970, an earthquake north of Lima, Peru, brought death to more than 50,000 people. In December another earthquake rocked the extreme north of Peru. The following account of disastrous rains was dated March 18. The next day an avalanche 55 miles north of Lima killed 400-600 people.

Rains, the heaviest since 1925, have lashed the coast of Peru from centrally-situated Casma to Tumbes in the far north. Torrents of rain have fallen in Peru's northern desert where "it never rains."

Houses and buildings, made of adobe and estera (straw matting), are collapsing. In the barrios, people whose homes remain stand the night lying in the water that falls through their estera roofs.

Because most of the barrios are established on what were once farms where the water table is near the surface, transportation into these areas is almost impossible. Water is usually brought to the barrios by truck and sold to the people. Now, with the streets full of mud and water, there is no water to drink. Epidemics threaten because there are no sanitation facilities.

Night after night rains have lashed the northern city of Chiclayo, causing heavy damage. A large reservoir in the mountains above the city has been filled to a dangerous level by a swollen river.

The roof of Chiclayo's Emmanuel Baptist Church was severely damaged, and the roof of one of the city's two Baptist preaching points was destroyed. Sunday School classrooms being constructed of adobe bricks at La Hermosa church were damaged, and services had to be canceled.

Agricultural lands around the city are flooded. Rice is a mainstay of the Peruvian diet, but the rice and cotton crops have been destroyed. Livestock has drowned in flooded fields near Puerto Eten.

Many victims are survivors of last May's earthquake who have been living in estera houses. Now, once again, they have had to flee their homes. Again they are victims of the elements.

## Musio Outreach, Bus Ministry Conference May 6



Bisagno

Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor, Temple, Hattiesburg, coordinator, announces a Music Outreach and Bus Ministry Conference, scheduled for First, Greenville, Thursday, May 6, 10:30 through lunch (at the church).

Out-of-state program personalities will be Dr. John Bisagno, pastor, First, Houston, Texas, and his minister of music, Gerald Ray.

John K. Bisagno (Houston, Texas) became pastor of First Baptist Church of Houston in February of 1970. They had been baptizing about 75 per year for recent years. They were averaging 650 in Sunday School attendance when he became pastor. They soon began renting 2 buses — they are now renting 11 buses and have started buying their own. They had 1,400 additions in his first 10 months as pastor with about 425 of these by baptism. They send three buses to the college campuses. They average about 1700 in Sunday School now each Sunday (almost triple in 10 months). Dr. Bisagno hopes they will have 150 buses to bring in 5,000 riders within 10 years. He feels they may baptize about 1,000 converts in 1971. His former church in Oklahoma led the SBC in baptisms for three of the last five years.

This Greenville conference will be jointly sponsored by the Church Music and Sunday School Departments. This is an exciting event and you will not want to miss it. Mark this date on your calendar today.

Send a pre-registration to Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. The price of the lunch will be \$1.50, which may be paid at the church.

## U. S. Churches Will Aid Vast Spain Crusade

MADRID, Spain (BP)—Plans for one of the largest evangelistic crusades in the history of predominantly Roman Catholic Spain were announced here by the Spanish Baptist Union and World Evangelism Foundation, Inc.

W. H. (Dub) Jackson of Abilene, Tex., director of World Evangelism

Foundation, said the nationwide crusade by Baptists was made possible by the religious liberty law passed in Spain three years ago.

Jackson, a former Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Japan, said about 200 Baptists from 10 churches in Texas, New Mexico and Tennessee have already said they will go to

Spain to participate in the crusade next October 13-27. Jackson said the evangelistic work done by the volunteers will not conflict with the work of Southern Baptist missionaries.

Juan Rodrigo, chairman of the evangelism committee of the Spanish Baptist Union, requested 50 evangelistic teams from the U.S., including two for the Canary Islands, which are under Spanish control.

Jackson said at least 20 U.S. churches are needed to help sponsor the crusade.

Calling Spain, "one of the greatest open doors we have today for preaching the gospel," he said Baptists from the U.S. ought to send evangelistic teams to serve in all of the more than 100 Spanish Baptist churches and preaching points.

He said plans are underway to secure nationwide television coverage for singers and other Christian celebrities taking part in the crusade.

The crusade will differ from many evangelistic campaigns in that the great majority of those from the U.S.

will be lay people, including teenagers. Each of the teams will be headed by a pastor, however.

Citing the large numbers of laymen being used, Jackson said that because of the influence that goes with their status in various fields "no missionary or pastor can take the place of these dedicated laymen."

Rodrigo said of Baptists' new religious freedom in Spain, "We've been like goldfish in a bowl. Now we're like fish swimming in an ocean."

Rodrigo said the crusade would help give new courage and hope to many pastors who are still afraid to venture out too strongly evangelistically.

Twenty years ago, Baptists in Spain numbered only 1,500 in 14 churches, none of which were self-supporting. Today, there are 80 churches with a total of 6,000 members in a nation of about 35 million people.

Jackson also met recently with Baptist leaders in West Germany and Russia to discuss plans for a major crusade in Germany and for an exchange of laymen between Baptist churches in Russia and the U.S.

He said Gerhard Claas, executive secretary of the German Baptist Convention, will discuss with pastors and representatives of Baptist churches the possibilities of crusades in 10 major cities in September 1972.

Meeting in Moscow with representatives of the Russian Baptist Union and the staff of the First Baptist Church, Moscow, Jackson arranged for a laymen's exchange program.

Preliminary plans call for five laymen from the U.S. to work with Russian churches and five Russian laymen to work with churches in this country.

## Mother's Day Offering

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peal for cash offerings which the village may and does address to Baptist churches.

This year, Christian Home Week is designated as May 2-9 and Mother's Day will be observed on Sunday, May 9.

The latest records available at the Mississippi Baptist Child-Care Agency reflect that slightly less than 70% of its minimum operating needs must be realized through the designated giving of Baptist churches and individual friends of children, with slightly less than 30% of the operating funds being allocated through the Cooperative program.

According to Paul N. Nunnery, the Village Superintendent, Baptist churches in Mississippi contributed only 25% of the Village's budgeted, operating needs during the 1970 Mother's Day campaign.

Mr. Nunnery has pointed out that the Christian ministry of the Village staff touched the lives of more than 500 troubled Mississippi children during calendar year 1970, along with 270 different neglected and dependent children actually being admitted to Village care and custody during the same period.

TURKEY: After 4½ years of seeking, the Galatian Baptist Mission, an English-language church in Ankara, has been granted permission to have a building for its worship and training ministries. Formerly the congregation met in various U. S. government buildings where Christian worship was allowed, reported Southern Baptist missionary James F. Leeper.

"Opportunities with several hundred different Mississippi homes and families, each in a state of crisis, were presented to us during 1970, the most difficult financial year we have experienced in recent history," said Mr. Nunnery.

"The Baptist Children's Village can not exist without the prayerful concern of the Baptist churches of this state. Our work with children and the home, so vital and basic to a Christian society, could not continue for one month without the cash support of Baptist friends of our children, extended through and in the name of their local churches," Mr. Nunnery concluded.

The new and modern campus facility of the Village is located on Flag Chapel Drive at the northwest corporate limits of Jackson and may be addressed at Box 11308, Delta Station, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213.

## M. A. Huggins, North Carolina Baptist Retired Leader, Dies

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — Former Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Executive Secretary M. A. Huggins died here April 11, at the age of 80.

Funeral services for Huggins, who served the convention as its chief executive from 1932 to 1959, were scheduled at First Baptist Church, Raleigh, 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13. Officiating at the services were John M. Lewis, pastor of the church, and W. Perry Crouch, current executive secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Convention.

Before becoming executive secretary in 1932, Huggins was head of the education department at Meredith College (Baptist) for women in Raleigh. A layman, he previously had been superintendent of schools for several public school districts in North Carolina and had taught at Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Survivors include his wife, two sisters and one brother.

## Clarke Appoints

### New Dean Of Men

Woodrow Burt, admissions counselor of Clarke College for the past two years, will serve as Dean of Men beginning July 1, announced Dr. W. L. Compere, president of the college.

In his position as admissions counselor Mr. Burt has led in a strong program of student recruitment and general public relations. He will continue his work in this area and will be assisted by James Spencer, former coach, who is an instructor in social science.

A graduate of Clarke and Mississippi College, he has done additional graduate study at Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He plans to attend the seminary eight weeks this summer.

On July 1, Mr. Burt and his wife, the former Katherine Speed of Newton, will move into the dean's apartment at Huddleston Hall which was formerly occupied by Dean Victor Vaughn and his family. Mrs. Burt will continue to teach in the English Department of the college.

Mr. Burt has served as a pastor in two churches in the Newton area. Before going to New Fellowship Church (Jasper County), he was pastor at Lawrence Church.

## For Mission Friends-Girls In Action Leaders:

## Learning Activities Workshops Planned

Learning Activities Workshops for Mission Friends and Girls in Action directors and leaders will be held in various cities over the state during the period of April 26-May 6.

Specific places and dates for the Learning Activities Workshops will be: Columbus, First Church, April 26; Meridian, First, April 27; Laurel, First, April 28; Wiggins, April 29; Camp Garaway, May 4; McComb, First, May 5; and Prentiss, May 6. Each workshop will begin at 9:30 a. m. and conclude at 12:30 p. m.

Miss Mary Hines, Director of Field Services, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will lead the conferences for Girls in Action leaders in the meetings to be held April 26-29.

Miss Bobbie Sorrell, Girls in Action Director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will lead the Girls in Action Conferences May 4, 5, and 6.

Miss Waudine Storey, Mission

## Lay Evangelism

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is "Bible centered and church centered, helping the layman in his own spiritual growth and providing him with witnessing opportunities while in training."

One large Atlanta church within six weeks had been trained reported half as many professions of faith as they had baptized during all of the previous year, Chafin said.

Materials for the schools, developed by the Division of Evangelism and produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board under the Name WIN (Witness-Involvement-Now) products.

Included in the materials are tracts, letters to new converts, growth leaflets, and booklets.

The strategy includes more than leading someone to make an initial decision, Chafin said.

For example, the booklets stress the Lordship of Christ, one's devotional life, Christian living, as well as one's witness, he said.

## COMMITTEE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR SBC ANNUAL SERMON PREACHER

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—The chairman for the Southern Baptist Convention's committee on order of business has invited interested persons to submit nominations for the preacher of the annual sermon to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Philadelphia in 1972.

Robert S. Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church here, said that the committee would welcome suggestions from Southern Baptists who want to nominate someone for consideration by the committee.

Scales said that during the past 125 years, the annual sermon at the convention has been preached by persons from 19 different states.

Nominations should be sent to the committee chairman at P. O. Box 60368, Oklahoma City, Okla., 73106, Scales said.

## Nationwide Student Evangelism Seminar Announced For June At Southern Seminary

NASHVILLE — A "Nationwide Student Evangelism Seminar" will be held June 14-18 at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The seminar will be jointly sponsored by National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, and by the student evangelism office, evangelism division, Home-Mission Board.

The seminar, which will begin at 6 p. m. on Monday, June 14, and end at noon Friday, June 18, will include intensive training in personal witnessing, development of spiritual foundations for witnessing, studies of the latest in evangelistic approaches, methods and opportunities and a study of small group dynamics.

"We have almost half a million Southern Baptist students on campuses across the nation," said Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries.

"Through opportunities like this

seminar, we want to lead them in efforts to inspire witnessing."

"There is an openness for the gospel on campus," said Roselle as he described the tremendous impact that witnessing on the part of Southern Baptist young people is having on their campuses.

The conference is open to college students, including entering freshmen, and to workers with college students. Total cost for the conference including registration, room and meals will be \$28.

Registration requests and a \$5 registration fee should be sent to: National Student Ministries, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

TELEPHONES — The number of telephones installed for both personal and business purposes has risen from 71 million in 1960 to 115 million today.

## Scotland And Kilmichael First In State Recognized In "Best In Church Training"

The Scotland and Kilmichael Churches of Montgomery Association are the first in the state to be recognized in the "Our Best In Church Training" promotion conducted by the Church Training Department.

In a report submitted by John K. Perry, Sr., associational director of Church Training, he indicated that these two churches "came out ahead, but were followed by two strong contenders."

This special promotion recommended to associational leadership allows each association to name the church or

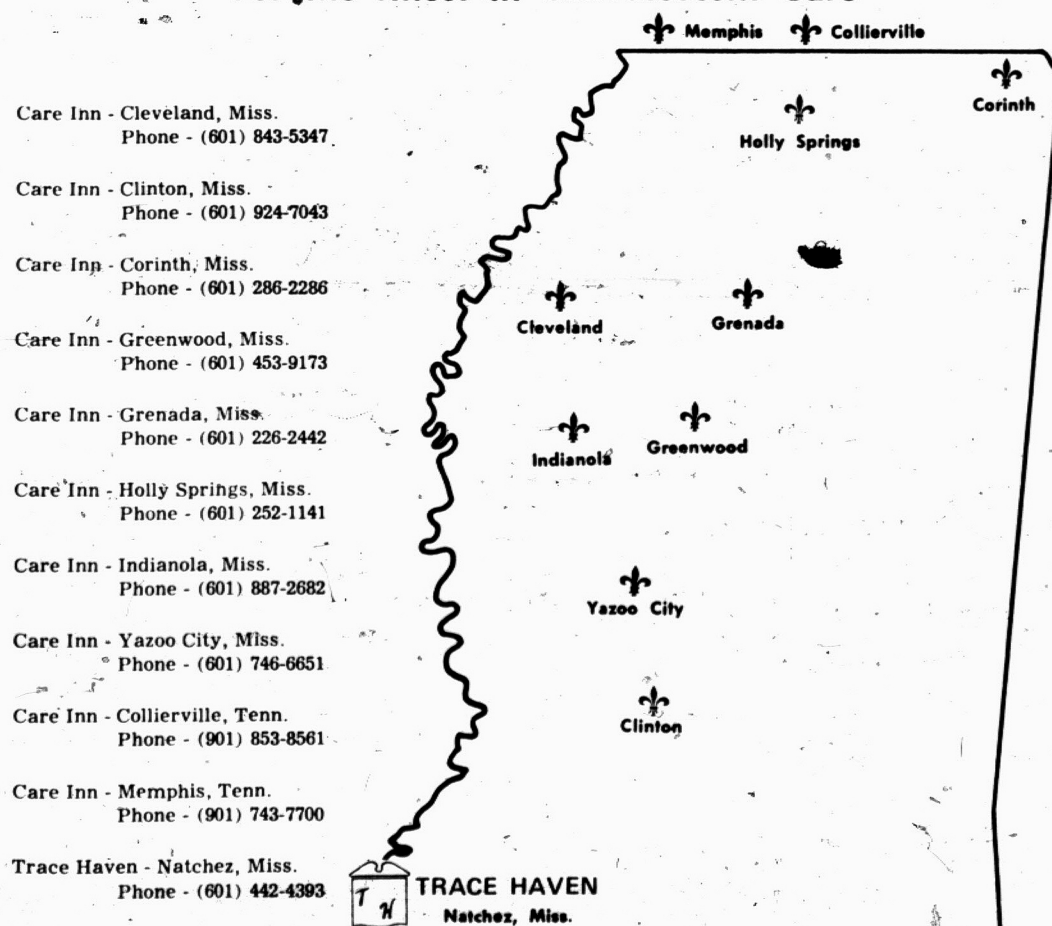
churches in its own association which have the best church training program. Criteria for judging is determined by the associational leadership and the survey of churches to determine the recipients of the recognition is conducted by the associational leadership.

A special certificate has been prepared and is being sent to the two churches listed above. Rev. R. L. Wilcutt and Rufus Carpenter are pastor and Church Training Director at Scotland while Rev. James Parker and E. F. Henderson serve the Kilmichael church as pastor and director.

## Care Inn Nursing And Convalescent Homes

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## EDITORIALS

### Southern Baptists And Ecumenical Dialogue

One of the issues confronting Southern Baptists today is ecumenism. While the convention never has in the past, nor does it today, have official relationships with any of the ecumenical movements, we do have a minority in the convention who sincerely believe that we should be involved in these movements, and who have been pressing for "dialogue" with other Christian and religious groups. This raises some questions in many Baptists' minds.

Let us quickly state that we are not discussing fellowship with people of other denominations. Throughout their history, Baptists have had warm and cordial relationships with members of other denominations, and there is every reason that this should continue. Baptist pastors long have known and had fellowship with pastors and leaders of other religious groups, and churches and pastors have worked together on moral issues, in civic affairs, etc. This not only should not be terminated, but even closer relationships should be encouraged. There is much that the Christian and religious community can and should do together.

However, when the word "dialogue" is used in the manner in which it is generally understood today, some questions need to be answered before most Baptists are willing for their churches, or their denomination to become too deeply involved. The word has come to have a very definite meaning for those who are promoting ecumenism. Does it have the same meaning for those who are promoting Baptist participation in it?

Such dialogue has taken place on numerous occasions, the latest being the Southern Baptist - Roman Catholic Conference which was held in Florida back in January, and the presence of a Southern Baptist leader at the National Council sponsored conference on unity last summer. We fully recognize the freedom of any Baptist to engage in such dialogue. A different situation arises, however, when Southern Baptist Cooperative Program money is used to help finance such conferences, or a Southern Baptist Convention agency, supported by Southern Baptist money, promotes them. This is at least the second such meeting promoted by a Southern Baptist agency, since an ecumenical dialogue with Jews was held in Louisville a few years ago.

Since Southern Baptists are, at least in part, paying the bill for such meetings, they have a right to know exactly what Baptist participants expect to accomplish in them. What is the objective? Are they discussing "union" or "unity"? There is a difference! Are Southern Baptist participants simply seeking to get to know and understand other groups better, or is there a feeling that some type of organized relationship needs to exist between our convention and others?

Other participants in these ecumenical movements, have made pretty plain what their objective is. They are inter-

ested in "union." For example, the Roman Catholic position in these ecumenical dialogues, was made very clear in an interview with one of that denomination's ecumenical leaders which appeared in a recent issue of the Mississippi Roman Catholic weekly, *Mississippi Today*. The leader being interviewed was Rev. Bernard Law, formerly editor of the Mississippi Catholic publication, now an ecumenical leader in Washington, and soon to return to Mississippi as an assistant to the Bishop. (He is widely known and highly respected in Southern Baptist circles). The following statements are from the interview with him concerning the ecumenical movement:

**Question:** "One hears that some Protestant churches, or segments of them, regard the ecumenical movement as leading to some kind of super church and they are fearful of this. What is your view?"

**Answer:** "Some people who would fall into the conservative evangelical tradition would view the ecumenical movement with much suspicion because they see it directed toward construction of some super church and this is understood as being bad."

"A Roman Catholic view of ecumenism sees the end of ecumenism as something more than the hail-fellow-well-met-mutual-back-slapping-society-of-good-will. The Degree on Ecumenism very clearly states, and I quote 'The result will be that, little by little, as the obstacles to perfect ecclesiastical communion are overcome, all Christians will be gathered, in a common celebration of the Eucharist, into that unity OF THE ONE AND ONLY CHURCH WHICH CHRIST BESTOWED UPON HIS CHURCH IN THE BEGINNING.'"

"It goes on to say, and we must keep this in mind if we are to present ourselves with integrity. THAT WE BELIEVE THIS UNITY DWELLS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AS SOMETHING SHE CAN NEVER LOSE AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL INCREASE UNTIL THE END OF TIME."

"There's no mistake about it. It is not some kind of fuzzy goal that we have in mind. WHAT WE SEEK IS ORGANIC UNITY. WE SEE ONE CHURCH MANIFESTING HER UNITY IN A COMMON CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST. Quite obviously that One church can have great diversity, just as we have diversity among those churches in communion with the See at Rome right now."

"The unity we seek does not envision a return so much as a convergence. WE GIVE UP NOTHING THAT IS ESSENTIAL, but the unity we seek lies in the future. We don't find it in the past. What we see in the past is disunity which came about at the time of the Reformation and earlier." (All type emphasis ours—Ed)

Mr. Law has made the Catholic position very clear and we do not think that anyone can misunderstand it. He believes that "unity dwells in the Ro-

man Catholic church as something she can never lose." He wants his church to manifest "her unity" . . . "in a common celebration of the Eucharist." He is interested not in mere fellowship, but in actual union. We are not in any way condemning Mr. Law for what he has said, although we disagree with it. We simply point-out that his position is clear.

Let someone charge that Mr. Law's statements do not fairly represent the Roman Catholic position, consider the following statement, "Catholics know, and so do non-Catholics, that the Church of Rome cannot renounce anything that constitutes dogma or morals, and that therefore the only way to include her in reunion is to accept her whole faith." This statement was made by the Rev. Charles Boyer, S. J. Professor of Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome in his book, *Unity in the Dark*.

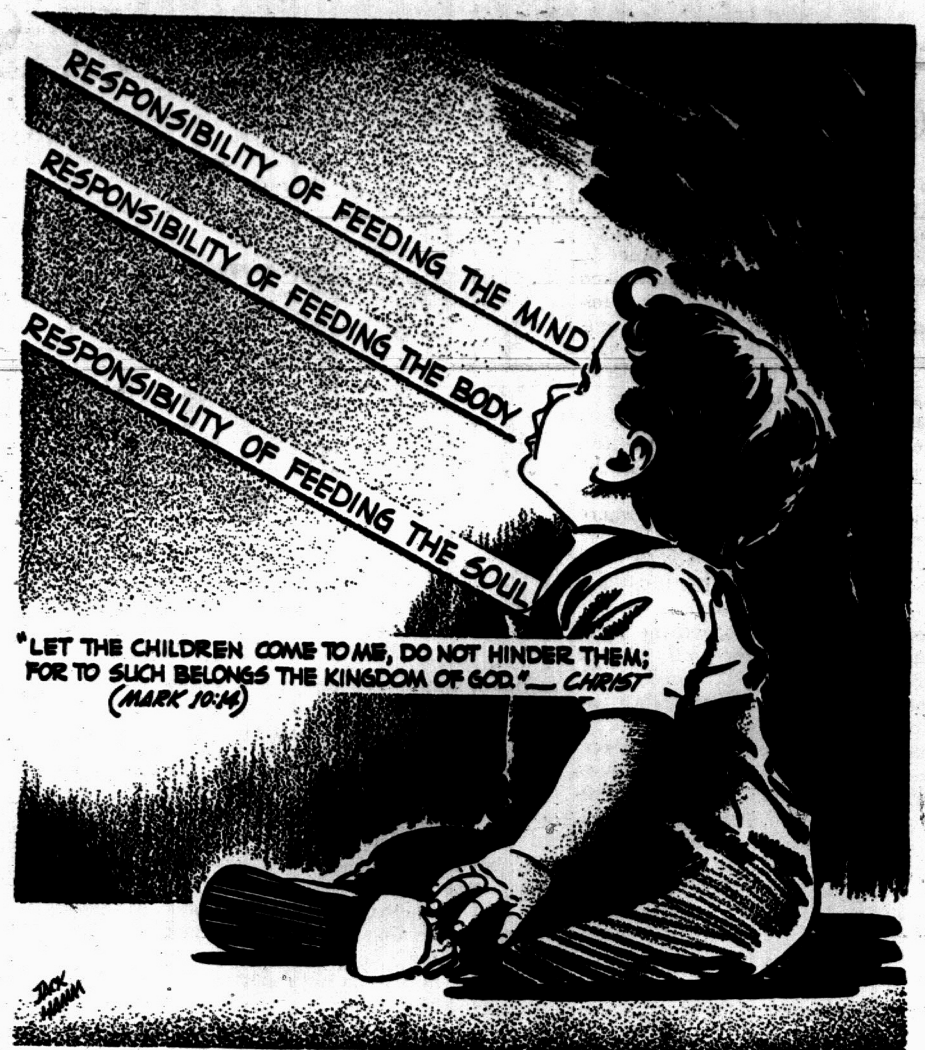
There are non-Catholic ecumenical groups which have made it equally clear that their primary interest is union, and not mere unity. They do not hesitate to say that they desire union, even when there is not theological unity. COCU is an example of this.

Now what we are wondering is whether Southern Baptist ecumenists have the same purpose in mind? Are they seeking union, even though there is little possibility of unity, or are they seeking unity? If it is unity they are after, are they attempting to bring all groups to a common ground of theological belief? How much are they willing to sacrifice of the theological positions which have made us Baptists, in order to achieve unity?

If it is union they seek rather than unity, how much of the freedom and independence of each Baptist church are they willing to give up in order to achieve their goal? If it is neither of these which they are seeking, but simply a larger fellowship and better understanding with other groups, then how far are the others willing to go with this kind of dialogue, since they are interested in something else?

It is theological beliefs (doctrine), which divides Baptists from others. A leader from Rome said in a dialogue group some months ago, that Roman Catholicism had not changed its basic doctrines, and that no change in these should be expected. No change can be expected from Baptists either, so it appears to us that there is little ground for closer ecumenical relationships than those we long have had.

Southern Baptists have a right to know what the ecumenists in their midst are seeking, and what they expect to accomplish. Many in the denomination do not see any lasting value in such dialogue when the participants do not agree on the purpose, and when it is probable that neither side is ready to forsake its position. It seems to some of us that Southern Baptist money and time could better be used in other areas of Christian witness.



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##### "Revival" Continues At Byhalia

Dear Dr. Odle:

I hope you do not tire of me writing about some of the experiences we are having but I have never seen anything like this. In 3 months our Sunday School has gone from 85 to 177 and now in our revival we are putting chairs in the aisles each night.

Please come Friday night or any night or Sunday if you can. Please see what is happening. Services at 7:30 each night.

To God be the glory.

Ps. 118:23

Bill Moseley  
Byhalia Baptist Church

##### Coupon Campaign Is A Success

Rev. Roy D. Raddin  
Second Baptist Church  
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear pastor and members:

We want to thank all you people there for your help in the Betty Crocker Coupon campaign for Tommy. Because of so many wonderful people like you, we have reached our goal. Please pass the word. If it is possible for you to contact your state paper, let them know we appreciate their printing the story and do want to thank all from the state of Mississippi for their support.

Sincerely,  
Mr. & Mrs. Davis & Tommy  
6220 Omaha Court  
San Jose, Calif. 95127

##### Need For Another Kidney Machine

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Ruby Skinner of Rialto, California is a former member of our church. Her mother and brothers are still active members of our congregation.

Because of a serious encounter with lupus disease, she (Mrs. Skinner) is in need of a kidney machine to help sustain her life. This machine can be provided by acquiring eight hundred thousand (800,000) Betty Crocker Coupons.

Our church is being a part of a drive to collect these necessary coupons, and would like for our sister churches to join us. Any church willing to help may please send their coupons to us:

500 Kirby Street  
Texarkana, Arkansas 75501

We will see that they are sent to the proper persons in California, the last date for acceptance of which will be December 31, 1971.

Would you please put this notice in your state paper in the form of a special article of as a "Letter to the Editor", which ever, in your opinion, would be the most effective.

Thank you so much.

W. V. Garner  
Immanuel Baptist Church  
Texarkana, Ark. 75501

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

House staff report says "fastback slum speculators" are selling patched-up houses to poor people at up to 1,000 percent markup under a new federal program while government appraisers turn their backs. "Instead of buying a home, people purchasing these houses are buying disaster," said Chairman Wright Patman, D-Texas, in releasing the House Banking Committee staff report. Secretary George Romney of Housing and Urban Development agreed the two-year-old subsidy program to boost home - buying by low and moderate-income families has had problems, including some "lousy appraisals," and that it needs revision. But Romney said some of the House staff's findings, particularly those of exorbitant profits, are "mislead-



##### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Why get all excited about a singer and clap your hands red signalling for an encore? Or sit in the bleachers and scream your head off for nine boys trying to hit more balls and run more bases than nine more? Or lie in front of a stereo or tape player and listen over and over to the same song?

Why sit in a gym and yell for five boys trying to chuck a ball through a hoop more times than five others? Or in front of a television and weep over a make-believe death? Or smile tearfully at a make-believe joy? Or sit in a stadium screaming for eleven boys who are pushing eleven others around all because of a two-pointed ball?

Why get so excited over all the things we get excited over? Why have upstarts? Why have opinions? Why have favorites? Why have feelings? Why get thrilled? I even have to watch myself to keep from saying, "Amen" when I hear good preaching (and that's right regularly, in case James is reading).

Sports and entertainment are two fields which require a great deal of those who participate in them. The requirements count up into endless hours of practice, discipline, hard work of one sort or another. Sure, I know there are stinkers in the sports and entertainment fields, but I know there are some mighty fine folks in the fields, too. Chances are they were fine folks before they began sports and entertainment careers; they are not products of such careers, necessarily. I deplore the stinkers and admire the fine ones.

So, I clap for an encore, scream myself hoarse at a ball game, and vicariously experience drama not only because I enjoy being entertained, but because I admire people who are willing to discipline themselves to achieve in their fields. It is thrilling to see the results of their work, to clap for them, to cheer them on, to try to feel what they feel.

I'm supposedly running the good race of a Christian. So are you. The fellow who wrote Hebrews says we have witnesses all around us watching us. Maybe we don't have the kind of cheering section or gallery we'd like because we haven't been willing to discipline ourselves to excel in this field of ours.

Makes me feel ashamed to think that Barbara Streisand and James Taylor and Johnny Unitas and Johnny Cash and Arnold Palmer and Eileen Farrell may be more dedicated to their careers of fame than I am to my career as a Christian racer.

(Mrs. Fancher may be addressed at 316 W. Canal Street, Aberdeen, Miss. 39730.)

ing and very misleading." The House staff recommended prosecution of real estate defrauders and appropriate disciplinary action against FHA appraisers who went along with inflated appraisals. (Nashville Tennessean, 1-4-71)

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#### NEWEST BOOKS

### Baptist World Congress Report Is Released

**BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE—12th Congress, Tokyo** (published by Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20009, 479 pp., \$5.00).

A report of what was said and done when 8,556 Baptists from 78 countries came together in Tokyo for the 12th Baptist World Congress. The theme of the Congress was "Reconciliation Through Christ." Here are the addresses, reports, symposiums, and other features of this world meeting. One gets the feel of the congress as he peruses pages. Moreover, he feels a heart-touch with Baptists from around the world. This is not the Baptist message as it is presented by Southern Baptists, but as it is seen through the eyes of Baptists from many nations. Moreover, the reports tell what is happening to Christianity and to Baptist work in all areas of the world. A volume which will be treasured, and will be of greater value as the years pass by, since it is an important part of the history of Baptists of the world.

**PROPHECY AND THE SEVENTIES** edited by Charles Lee Feinberg (Moody, 255 pp., \$4.95).

The report of the sixth Congress on Prophecy convened in New York City by the American Board of Missions to the Jews. The conference was held May 17-25, 1970. Nine speakers participated in bringing the twenty-one messages presented at the conference. Included are men of renown in the Christian world, such as Stephen F. Olford, John F. Walvoord, E. Schuyler English, Charles H. Stevens and others. The messages center around the prophetic meaning

of the present hour in history in the light of the scriptures. There are four general divisions, namely, Christ and the Prophetic Scriptures; The Church and the Prophetic Scriptures; Israel and the Prophetic Scriptures; and The Nations and the Prophetic Scriptures. These scripture studies, recorded much as they were delivered in the conference, present a warm, stirring interpretation of present world events in their relationship to Bible prophecy. Those individuals who try to shrug off the prophetic portions of the scriptures will find in this book some interpretations which they will discover are most difficult to answer. These men believe the Bible and its message, and that it speaks to our day. Clear biblical light is shown upon many perplexing events of this last half of the twentieth century.

**Should Doctors Play God?** edited by Claude A. Frazier, M. D. (Broadman 176 pp., \$4.50)

A group of widely known leaders in the medical field, speak on the ethical problems raised for the medical profession by modern technological advances. The introduction is by a Southern Baptist pastor, who discusses the religious issues and relationships to modern medicine. Issues discussed include abortion, smoking, the artificial kidney (who gets the machine and lives, and who fails to get it and dies?), organ transplantation, conception, sex in prison, euthanasia (keep a person alive or let him die?), experimentation, genetics, tranquilizers, etc. These are live issues, faced both by physicians and religious leaders, as well as the public. These writers throw light on the subjects which

will give new understanding to the ordinary reader.

**Great Preaching — Evangelical Messages by Contemporary Christians**, edited by Sherwood Wirt and Viola Blake (Word, 172 pp., \$4.50).

Twenty-two sermons which have preached within the last 20 to 30 years. They deal with the basics of the Christian faith, and with the problems faced by 20th century Christians. Among the authors are well known figures and some not quite so well known. Immediately recognized are Billy Graham, W. A. Criswell, Leighton Ford, Harold Ockenga and Oral Roberts. Just as well known in many Christian circles are Oswald Hoffman of the Lutheran Hour, James Kennedy, Presbyterian evangelistic leader, Stephen Olford of New York's Calvary Church and John Haggai, Baptist leader of Evangelism International. The messages usually are shorter than those in most books of sermons, but are Bible centered, pointed in application, and richly illustrated. The book reveals that there is still in our day great Bible centered, Christ honoring preaching.

**Science and the Bible by Bolton Davidheiser** (Baker, 121 pp., \$3.95). The subtitle is "Enlightening illustrations from nature confirming the harmony of science and the Bible." Forty-four brief essays on various subjects of nature with an affirmation of a message of Christian faith which is found are found in them. Modern scientific rejection of many ideas is refuted. The author is a professor of science and a devoted Christian.





### BMC To Present "Oliver"

SCENE FROM OLIVER TO BE PRESENTED AT BMC: Left, "Nancy," played by Kathy Little, formerly of Corinth, now of Houston, Texas; and right, "Bet," played by Franc Tamboli of Memphis, as the 1971 spring musical production is to be presented on April 29, 30, and on May 1, in Garrett Auditorium, Blue Mountain at 8:15 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance at \$2.00 each by calling the college office or by getting in touch with Miss Joy McCreary, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi 38610. Roxanne Tucker of Memphis will play Oliver; Joy Hurt of Memphis will play the Dodger; Jimmie Lee Williams of Sheridan, Ark., as guest star, will play Fagin.

## Blue Mountain To Celebrate Alumnae Day May 1

On Saturday, May 1, Blue Mountain College will celebrate Alumnae Day — May Day programs for 1971.

All members of the National Alumnae Association, families, and friends are invited to attend the 1971 meeting and the afternoon May Festival.

The planned schedule of May 1 is as follows:

All-day Art Exhibition in the Art Studios and upper hall floors of the Lawrence T. Lowrey Administration Building, Dr. Carolyn Stone, Professor of Art, presiding.

Registration will be held for the first time in the living room area of the Deane Student Center and will begin at 9 a.m.

At 9:45 a.m. the Alumnae Business Session and all divisions of the morning program will be held for the first time in the auditorium of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church instead of a campus building. Joyce Hall Beasley, Tupelo, National Alumnae President will preside.

The regular morning program, in recognition of the Honored Reunion Classes will begin at 10 a.m. Honored classes are as follows: 1970, '66, '56, '46, '36, '21, and 1911. However, all Alumnae are urged to attend.

During the morning alumnae program, public announcement will be made concerning the choice of "The Alumna of the Year."

At 12:00 noon, the alumnae luncheon will be held in Ray Dining Hall. Pro-

gram speaker for the day will be Lynn Mitchell Stennett, Memphis, a 1946 graduate of Blue Mountain.

At 1:30 p.m. class reunions will be held in designated places to be shown on the printed programs.

At 3 p.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, the traditional Junior

### In Zambia

## Journeyman Sees Illustration Of "What It Really Means To Tithe"

**NOTE:** The following was related by Southern Baptist missionary journeyman Ron Shearer, who works with students and teaches English in the Baptist theological seminary in Lusaka, Zambia. Shearer, from Coldwater, Miss., was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in April 1960 for a two-year term.

It had begun as a regular Sunday morning service. The missionary who was going to preach had told me his sermon would be on tithing. The song service had ended and the offering was being taken up.

As the man collecting the offering started toward the front of the room another man rose and followed him. When they reached the front the second man placed a large cabbage on the table.

The look on the missionary's face showed that he was as surprised as everyone else. He asked the man why he had brought the cabbage. The man replied that he had 10 cabbages in his garden, and this was the best. He was giving it as his tithe.

The sermon may have made some impression on the people, but this man's act was a living illustration of what it means to tithe. I was especially proud because the man is a student at our seminary in Lusaka.

### Of His Ordination, He Says, "I Was The Last To Know"

## Rev. P. S. Dodge To Be Honored April 25 For His 55 Years Of Service To The Gulf Coast

By Jimmie Bell  
Daily Herald, Gulfport

Rev. Paul Sheldon Dodge, pastor, Providence Baptist Church, who will be honored Sunday, April 25, at Joseph Milner Stadium, for 55 years of continued service to the spiritual needs of the Gulf Coast community, gave all credit for his successful ministry to "the moving hand of God."

In an interview, Dodge said that in every instance, from his first interest in the ministry, to his actual entry and in each step upward, "The Lord seemed to reach out ahead of me and prepare the way, sometimes without my even being aware of it until it happened."

He was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church, Gulfport, in 1916, but there again, he said, "I was the last to know." Church officials in Fernwood Baptist, where he had been teaching Sunday School, were inspired by his work as a youth and it was at their insistence that the licensing and ordination plans be made "and then they told me."

The Lord first reached out, he related, before he was even in a Baptist Church. "During my teens, I was inspired by the work of the church, but I attended several. In fact, I was converted in the Methodist Church—we had about 5,000 people in Gulfport then, and the churches were just beginning to grow."

The Lord reached out again through J. K. Milner, a deacon in the First Baptist Church; Milner, father of the late Mayor Joseph Milner and the

present J. K. Milner of Gulfport, encouraged Dodge in his church. "I passed out song books and was elected secretary of the Sunday School."

But it was at Fernwood that the young man became so vitally interested in the church that he was asked by the pastor, J. L. Taylor, to fill in for him on Sunday afternoons by teaching the Sunday School class. "It was here that the Lord actually took hold of me and my ministry through Him was begun."

"I didn't know I was to be ordained," Dodge related, "but after all preparations were made, they came to me and said it would happen. I had neither asked nor sought. I realized then the Lord was truly calling."

Dodge has filled his many missions on earth in the same giving spirit. Wherever he was needed, he went in the name of the Lord.

But as he began his ministry so soon after the turn of the century, serving as pastor was not the prime source of "earning a living." The son of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Caswell Dodge, born April 15, 1886 in Escatawpa, began his livelihood in the printing business, which he calls, "the poor man's university."

"The first job I ever had," he recalled, "was with the old Gulfport Record, published by A. G. Osginich (who later became 'city editor of The Daily Herald'); it was a daily paper published in an upstairs room on 26th Avenue. I was a newsboy and in the summer learned to feed hand-presses."

Printer's ink remained in his blood;

Dodge left there to join the Illinois Central Railroad to operate their multigraph plant in the IC freight building. Soon he was saving up for his own print shop and in 1926 opened for business on 29th Street near 25th Avenue, an operation which he still maintains.

When Handsboro Baptist needed a superintendent of Sunday Schools, Paul Dodge moved his letter and began holding prayer meetings in 1915. It was that year he met and married Miss Mae Edwards, who has worked side by side with him in private business and his ministry for more than half a century.

Dodge moved into other areas, bringing to fruition the needs of "getting churches going" in the outlying areas of the Gulf Coast. He held meetings at Saucier in 1917 and on Dec. 21, 1918 he was invited to become pastor of the Handsboro Baptist Church. Because Fernwood was an arm of the Handsboro, he also continued his ministry there.

"I continued as Handsboro pastor until 1920, after which I served Woolmarket; on Sunday afternoons I went to Galilee Baptist at Lyman, organized Sharon Church, helped organize New Hope at the request of the community," he said.

In 1925, Grace Memorial Church had been organized. Meanwhile, in 1925, Second Baptist Church (later changed to Grace Memorial) had its eye on his work. During his 31 years there he recalls many revivals and an untold number of followers converted to Christ. In his last year at Grace Memorial, 125 joined.

So fired were his sermons, that Dodge once held his own revival at Grace Memorial and baptized 22 of his regular attenders who had not previously joined. (He, himself, was baptized at First Baptist when it was located on the corner of 15th Street and 23rd Avenue, and the baptistry was a tank outside the building.)

Preaching his last sermon at Grace Memorial, Sept. 30, 1956, which had moved into its new edifice on 23rd Avenue, the "retiring" pastor was again called by the Lord to come immediately out of retirement and form the Providence Baptist Church in North Gulfport, which today has members and an expansion program completed.

"I've been wonderfully compensated all through the years of my work in the community," he reflected. Of the Providence venture, which is now in its 15th year, Mrs. Dodge added, "Providence has become the sweetest church in the world."

But for all the churches he has served, and for all the hearts he has won for his Lord, Rev. Dodge remains something else as well as the elected pastor of his flock—he is a guardian angel for hundreds who have no church, who never had a church.

Robert Riemann, Riemann Funeral Home, Gulfport, is testimony to that fact: "During the past several years, our company records show that Rev. Dodge was called to perform more funerals than all other pastors on the Coast combined." This record was at



### First, Tutwiler Exceeds Goal For Missions Offering

The members of First Church, Tutwiler enjoyed an unusually happy Easter, when their Annie Armstrong Easter Offering totaled \$946.25.

Believing one of the most crucial missionary areas in the world today is America, the Brotherhood and WMU challenged the church to give sacrificially toward an \$800.00 goal, the highest in the history of the church.

The church was especially thankful when this \$946.25 offering exceeded an abundant foreign mission gift of \$881.30.

Church Treasurer, Mrs. Tom Jennings, above, and Pastor Paul Hunter look on with grateful hearts.

most matched during the flu epidemic of 1917 when he preached numerous funerals at Wyler and Wyler Home.

He is favored with weddings, as well; and after leaving his home on Ripsey Road so the FAA-ILS landing system could be located on his property, Rev. and Mrs. Dodge moved to 12th St., where their new living room is immaculate and ready on short notice for the dignity of a chapel-like ceremony.

Dodge believes the Lord has accompanied him in a special way on his "visitations," as he has been involved in "so many near-miss automobile collisions on the highways" enroute to sick and bereaved. He was certainly with him the night a worried wife called him to ask him to console her husband who was shooting up their garage; Dodge arrived and the man took a butcher knife and was moving toward him when suddenly, he was stopped, and studying the preacher closely, said, "You don't seem to be afraid of me." From that point, the man's spirit calmed, Dodge related.

"But we have a lot of fun at weddings," he said joyfully. "A friend of mine — a railroad man with whom I had worked — always said he would never get married. Then one cold night he showed up with his bride-to-be. We performed the ceremony, but surely enough, he was so nervous, he was unable to sign his name." There again, Dodge offered help.

Looking back, Rev. Dodge said, "My father in the ministry had to be Bro. Oney Bowen, father of B. C. Bowen. He was pastor of the Handsboro Church, retiring about the time I went there. He set it all straight for me — 'If the Lord is with you, he will make you able'."

## Solid Rock Festival Great Success

By Dr. Wesley Ellis, Pastor, Handsboro Church, Gulfport

Hundreds of young people came to the Gulf Coast for the first of what is hoped to become an annual "Solid Rock" Christian Folk Music Festival on Easter weekend. No accurate count is available for the crowds participating on April 10, some staying from

8:30 in the morning until after the bonfire on the beach around 9:30 P.M. In every respect, this was a great day and many lives were touched.

A brass quartet started the event by playing "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand," and the "New Christian Sound" group sang an original "Solid Rock" theme song to conclude the

program. The music was varied and exciting, much of it written by some of the young people and all of it telling of God's love and salvation.

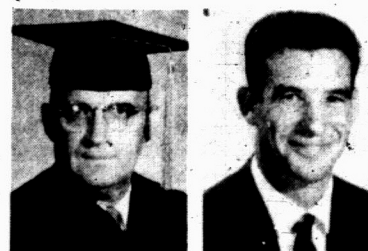
A few people were disappointed in what they saw and heard, as was indicated by the fact that someone dropped an aspirin in a box that was used to collect an offering to help defray a few expenses. Hippies, riding up on motorcycles, were invited to stay. Some did. Free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were distributed, along with ice water. The plan of salvation was shared with one hippie who sat on his motorcycle with a bored grin on his face. Two said they had come 500 miles to peddle their "Merchandise" and were disgusted to discover that no one was interested.

An estimated forty to fifty definite decisions for Christ were reported. Many others received a witness and indicated their desire to give their hearts to God. It was not unusual to see groups of four or five bowing in prayer, sitting on the ground, in the atmosphere of sand, informal conversation and bustle, and witness through music.

An out-of-town news photographer was in Gulfport for the Easter weekend. Learning about the "Solid Rock" Festival, he came to the beach for a story and was approached by someone who wanted to "tell him a story." The young reporter was led to Christ.

This festival was only a beginning. Next year we hope that it will be much bigger and better. Lessons learned from this experience will make for a better day of activities next year. We anticipate that many more churches and groups will participate, so that this whole area of the country will feel the impact of this wonderful way of ministering in Jesus' name.

## Names In The News



Four Mississippians expect to graduate at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., May 14. All will have completed three years work leading to the Diploma in Pastoral Training. Their names, home towns, and churches now served, are: Eugene W. Broome, Sumrall, Fla.; C. Fred Hartley, Vardaman, Pin Level near Louisville, Ala.; John R. Oswalt, Mathiston, New Prospect near Geneva, Ala.; and Roy Curtis Reese, Columbus, Clarksville Baptist, Clarksville, Fla. Hartley completed his work in summer school, 1970, but will graduate with the current class. The curriculum at BBI demands 98 semester hours of residence work in studies paralleling Baptist seminary work leading to the B.D. without languages.

Mrs. I. E. Reynolds, 82, wife of the founder of the School of Church Music at Southwestern Seminary, died Tuesday, March 30, in Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Reynolds, a native of St. Joseph, Mo., taught at Southwestern 44 years and retired in 1957 as assistant professor of piano. The chapel in the seminary's School of Church Music is named for Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds.

Big Ridge Church, Biloxi, sent their pastor, Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, to Ramstein, Germany, April 26-May 13, for seventeen days in a revival meeting. The expenses for the trip were given as a free will offering from the members of the church.

Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Nigeria, will be coming home on furlough on Friday, May 7. Her plane will arrive in Meridian at 10:28 a.m. She will be at home with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick, at Noxapater, Miss.

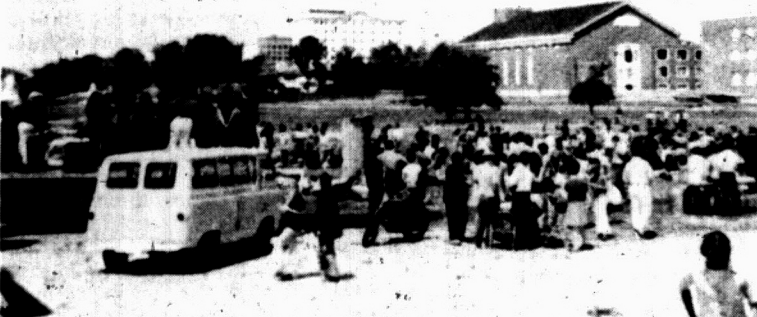
Morrison Chapel, Cleveland, has called Hugh P. Boswell III as minister of music. Mr. Boswell, a native of

Tupelo, is presently a student at Delta State College, Cleveland, majoring in voice and music. He served Verona Church, Verona, as music director prior to entering Delta State. Rev. Dewitt Mitchell is pastor of Morrison Chapel Church.



Twentieth Century Fox Studios selected BOB TURNBULL, The Chaplain of Waikiki Beach, to be a member of the cast of the twenty-five million dollar production, "Tora! Tora! Tora!" (which means Tiger, Tiger, Tiger). Turnbull is cast in the role of the officer who received too late the ill fated warning from The White House that Pearl Harbor would be attacked.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Erwin, missionary appointees to Zambesi have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga. They may be addressed at Hardin Valley Rd., Rt. 3, Concord, Tenn. 37720. Born in Florence, Ala., Erwin grew up in Tennessee, living in Oak Ridge and Knox County. Mrs. Erwin is the former Veronica (Ronnie) Wheeler of Sandersville, Mississippi.





# New Books For Spring Reading

**THE POWER OF POSITIVE PREACHING TO THE SAVED** by John R. Bisagno (Broadman, 128 pp., \$2.95).

Another in the series called "The Power of Positive—" by this author who is one of Southern Baptists most dynamic preachers of our day. His church in Oklahoma led the Southern Baptist Convention in Baptisms and now, since he has gone to First Baptist Church, Houston, that church is leading the convention. Here are nine of his sermons, giving a view of the dynamic preaching from this new Baptist leaders. Among the subjects are: "Is the Bible True?", "Eternal Security," "How Will You Die?", and others. The messages are pointed, scripturally as to go direct to the heart of the hearer.

**DESIGN FOR DISCIPLESHIP** by J. Dwight Pentecost (Zondervan, 130 pp., \$3.95).

What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? Many people today, in this time of shallow theological understanding, seem to be confused about the meaning. Dr. Pentecost has built a biblical doctrine of discipleship, by showing that to become a disciple one must receive a knowledge of divine truth, believe the Person presenting the truth, and then completely commit himself to the one presented. He follows this with a discussion of what Christ requires of his disciples.

**ONE DIVINE MOMENT** edited by Robert E. Coleman (Revell, 123 pp., paper \$1.95, cloth \$3.95).

The story of the Asbury revival, the great spiritual movement which began at Asbury College early in 1970 and spread across campuses all over America. Seven different leaders present their personal view of their experiences in this revival and in the ones which followed. As one reads these pages, he finds a prayer in his heart "God let it happen all over America."

**ANOTHER HAND ON MINE** by William J. Petersen (Zondervan, 225 pp., paper \$1.95).

This is the story of Dr. Carl K. Becker of the Africa Inland Mission. He was the founder of the Oicha Hospital. This hospital is called "a place of miracles" in the forests of the Congo. Faith and prayer were the sources of the miracles. It reveals that even in this modern hour God is still doing his mighty works.

**A WILDERNESS OF WONDER** by Olive Anderson (Augsburg, 166 pp., \$4.95).

A story of living with God by a wilderness lake in Northern Michigan. It is simply the beautiful story of how a Christian family felt the presence of God in the wilds of a wilderness land.

**TEACHERS OF DESTRUCTION** by Alice Widner (Citizens Evaluation Institute, 258 pp., \$3.00).

We hear much today about revolution. What are the revolutionaries trying to do? What do Marxist teachers of destruction seek to construct? They would answer "A socialist society." This book presents an eye witness account, written by a reporter who attended conferences, conventions, and other places where the revolutionaries were announcing and promoting what they were going to do. This is an explanation of what already has happened in America in the past few years and of what the socialists now plan to do. The book is fully documented and depicts the destruction which radicals have set for America. Reading it will alarm you, but should also help you to have the proper attitude toward efforts of those who are trying to enlist more Americans in their destructive program.

**THE SON OF MAN** by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 563 pp., \$4.95).

A verse by verse commentary on the Gospel of Luke. Dr. Rice, who already has published commentaries on Matthew and Acts, now adds this new volume to the series. It is a verse by verse discussion, written for the average Bible study as well as for the preacher. The author gives little time to dealing with so-called problems of scholarship, although he recognizes and answers criticism when needed, but rather simply opens the word of God and discusses the meaning of every verse and every passage. Dr. Rice believes that the Bible was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and he accepts it as the divinely inspired word of God. He does not dodge problems but, out of his broad scholarship and understanding of the Bible, opens the meaning of the word so that any person can understand what God is saying. This volume will be invaluable to preachers, Sunday School teachers, and all others who are seeking to understand the meaning of the Bible.

**THE SPIRIT WORDS TODAY** by Frank M. Boyd (Gospel Publishing House, 136 pp., paper \$1.95).

A scriptural study of the Holy Spirit and his ministries in our modern day. The author presents the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a gift promised for Christians of all ages and says that it can be experienced today. Some of us probably would question his terminology, although we certainly believe in the infilling and fullness of the Holy Spirit and the need for such infilling for Christians of our day.

**FATHER OF THE WESLEYS** by Franklin Wilder (Exposition Press, 220 pp., \$6.00).

The story of the life of the father of Charles and John Wesley. An interesting study of the 18th century Christian living and witnessing, and especially of an unusual man whose life, though his sons, touched the world.

**PRAY IN THE SPIRIT** by Arthur Wallis (Christian Literature Crusade, 128 pp., paper, \$1.95). This book concentrates on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in relation to prayer. It shows the meaning of Paul's teaching "Pray in the Spirit." The eighteen chapters deal with many facets of the prayer experience. The book will help bring clear understanding of the biblical teaching concerning prayer.

**THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF DEATH** by Gladys Hunt (Zondervan, 117 pp., \$3.50).

Essays on the meaning of death. One who has walked in the presence of death interprets its meaning in the light of the word of God in a most beautiful and helpful way. This Christian woman shows the triumph of the Christian in death and the source of strength and comfort which is available to every child of God. The author answers the question, "Why doesn't God do something about death?" She says that he has done something and she shows what it is. A beautifully printed book with an even more beautiful message.

**DICTIONARY OF BIBLE PLACE NAMES** by H. H. Rowley (Revell, 173 pp., \$3.95).

Did you ever read a place name in the Bible and wonder about it? Where was it? What was it like? What is its position in Bible History? This book places in one alphabetical order the name of every place mentioned in the Bible and gives information concerning it. If the place is important, there is much material. If it is of minor importance, there may be only a few lines. This book should be invaluable as a reference volume to be kept close to the study table.

**"DO RIGHT!"** by Bob Jones, Sr. (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 317 pp., \$4.95).

The late Dr. Bob Jones was an outstanding Methodist evangelist who probably is best known for the founding of Bob Jones University. He was one of the outstanding fundamental preachers in the first half of this century. In this book sixteen of his sermons have been collected, presented as they were preached in various places across the nation. The messages present an evangelistic emphasis and reveal the need for Christ in the individual life, in the home, and in the nation.

**POT AND THOSE OTHER THINGS** by John A. Huffman, Jr. (Creation House, 143 pp.).

A Presbyterian pastor who sometimes preaches to President Nixon when he is in Florida, presents a series of fresh messages on issues confronting the nation today. The fifteen messages are divided into three series of five each. Part I: How Is Your Spiritual Temperature? Part II: You, Christ, and Today. Part III: You Can Live Beyond Yourself. He discusses problems which today are disturbing young people and others, such as drugs, morality, peace, unbelief, suffering, marriage, and similar issues. The author believes that the Bible is the Word of God, and that Christ changes human hearts. He deals with the issues in a frank, open, challenging manner, and does "communicate" with the reader. We think that this book will prove to be helpful, both to youth and to adults.

**BEHOLD A PALE HORSE** by Joe Musser (Zondervan, 140 pp., \$3.50).

A novel based upon prophecies concerning events which are to take place on earth just prior to and at the time of the Second Coming of Christ. The scene is largely in Jerusalem and the author paints in vivid pictures the meaning of the rejection of God's Word and of Christ's redemption. The book is not fantasy; but is soundly based upon prophetic scripture. However, its message will startle some readers who are not familiar with the prophetic word.

**WHOEVER AND WHATSOEVER WHEN YOU PRAY** by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 188 pp., \$3.00).

Clear, informative, inspiring messages on prayer. Dr. Rice, who has written other books on prayer, in this one presents nine sermons dealing with promises of God's Word and scripture teaching concerning prayer. The first chapter is the same title as the book and discusses the meaning of faith as related to prayer. Other chapters deal with gates to answered prayer, unlimited power in believing prayer, praying in the spirit, prayers God will not answer, and others. The messages are fully scriptural, clearly outlined, and rich in illustration. They will be helpful to those who are seeking to better understand biblical teachings concerning prayer.

**A DICTIONARY OF ILLUSTRATIONS** by James C. Hefley (Zondervan, 313 pp., \$4.95).

Dr. James C. Hefley, who is widely known as an author, has selected more than 900 illustrations for teachers, speakers and ministers. These are fresh, new illustrations coming from current books, magazines and other sources. The book is indexed under more than 300 subjects and the indexing in the back is very complete. This should be one of the most valuable illustration books that any speaker can own and use.

**RADICAL VOICES IN THE WILDERNESS** by Robert N. Sanders (Word, 172 pp., \$4.95).

A study of the social implications of the messages of the Old Testament prophets. The author is a Southern Baptist preacher now serving as a Chaplain. He does not discuss all of the Old Testament prophets, but does deal with most of them and their message. He gleams from each of the prophecies its basic social message and applies it to social needs and responsibilities of our day. It is an interesting search into the messages of the prophets seeking to find exactly what they were saying.

**INVASION OF WALES BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH EVAN ROBERTS** by James A. Stewart (Christian Literature Crusade, paperback, 78 pp., 75c).

This is the story of a great revival movement that took place in Wales in 1904. Evan Roberts became the popular figure in the movement, but at least a hundred pastors, evangelists, and laypeople were also used as God's instruments in it. As one reviewer of this book said, "As the title implies, Evan Roberts was not the author of the Welsh revival. The author was none other than the Holy Spirit of God Himself."

**THE BIBLICAL SHAPE OF HOPE** by Ralph L. Murray (Brazos Press, 95 pp., paperback).

Contemporary man, feeling the weight of tyranny and the fear of nuclear holocaust, is torn between hope and despair. Can we, in such a time, continue truly to hope? Ralph L. Murray, popular writer and editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board, examined Bible teachings to answer that question. His answer is yes. Hope is not easy, but it is possible, out of his searching he here shares the basis of hope which he has discovered.

**LIVING CLOSE TO GOD** by Dale Oldham (Warner Press, paperback, 95 cents, 207 pp.).

Dr. Oldham asks, "Are you living close to God?" He writes from deep and soul-searching personal experience an earnest effort to assist conscientious, aspiring Christians to draw closer to God. An effort has been made to set forth simply and clearly the processes by which one may become more like Jesus Christ.

**WORD PICTURES FROM THE BIBLE** by E. M. Blacklock (Zondervan, 95 pp., \$2.95).

The language of the Bible is rich in allusion and illustration in word pictures. The author of this book, who holds the Chair of Classics at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, writes about the imagery of the Bible, drawing from his long experience of teaching and reading in the literature of the ancient world. He weaves together passages of Scripture with classical and historical references, to help the reader get behind many of the Biblical descriptions and incidents. The twelve sermonic essays are illustrated with striking photographs from the Holy Land.

**YOU CAN TELL ME!** by Dena Korfer (Zondervan, 96 pp., \$1.95).

Here are answers to 30 important questions your child is sure to ask. They are questions such as: "Where was I before I was born? Why can't I see God? How do I grow? Where is heaven? Is it wrong to pretend? The author has devoted her life to teaching kindergartners in the Christian school, and so is a qualified answerer - of - children's - questions.

**ISAIAH: PROPHECIES, PROMISES, WARNINGS** by W. E. Vine (Zondervan, 222 pp., \$1.95).

The author has concentrated on the moral and spiritual lessons of Isaiah, and presented them in a way which will prove very helpful to the general reader.

**LETTERS TO POLLY** by Melvin E. Schoonover (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 106 pp., \$3.95).

This is the story of one man's successful attempt to meet and to overcome severe physical handicap. The book was written by a victim of a rare bone disease known as osteogenesis imperfecta. It is written to Polly, the writer's young daughter who is also a victim of the same illness, and who, like her father, has been virtually confined to a wheelchair since birth. In the five letters which make up the book, Schoonover describes for Polly the freedom he has found. He has discovered "the gift of affliction."

**SPLINTERS FROM MY GAVEL** (Confessions of a Judge) by Allen W. Harrell (Zondervan, paperback, 93 pp., 95 cents).

This small "meaty" book by Judge Harrell shares insights and experiences gained on the bench and off, through anecdotes and devotional comments.

**COUNSELING CHRISTIAN PARENTS** by William S. Deal (Zondervan, paperback, \$1.95, 128 pp.).

Practical, definitive analyses and advice in this book give parents guidelines in establishing a successful home and family.

**MODERN OBJECT LESSONS** by John H. Sargent (Baker, paperback, \$1.50, 105 pp.).

The book consists of 105 three-minute object talks, with simple illustrations that will appeal to boys and girls.

**EFFECTIVE OBJECT LESSONS** by Joseph A. Schofield (Baker, 127 pp., paperback, \$1.50).

Here are models and samples of story sermons for boys and girls. All teach noble habits.

**GEMS AND MINERALS OF THE BIBLE** by Ruth V. Wright and Robert L. Chadbourne (Harper and Row, \$4.95, 148 pp.).

In this excellent reference book is a discussion, in alphabetical order, of the 62 gems and minerals known in Bible times. The authors give Scriptural references, full descriptions of the gems and minerals, the earliest known history of each, and contrast modern use with that of ancient times.

**BUILDING YOUR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH** by Ralph Heynen (Baker, paperback, 111 pp., \$1.50).

The message of this book is that God has endowed everyone with inner resources for meeting any kind of problem or need.

**DYNAMIC DEVOTIONALS FOR MEN** by Wm. J. Krutza (Baker, 96 pp., \$2.95).

Here are straight-from-the-shoulder devotional meditations, written especially for men. The author says, "Hopefully each reader will have many meetings with the dynamic Christ as he meditates upon the thoughts of this little book." Beautifully bound and gift-boxed.

**THE STORY OF PETER THE FISHERMAN** by D. S. Hare (Christian Literature Crusade, 80 pp., 55c).

This little book for children tells the story of Peter, of his first meeting with Jesus, his growing belief in him, and of how Peter became one of the disciples—spreading the Gospel after Jesus had been crucified and arisen from the grave. The many full-color illustrations are by Eric Winter.

**TO PRAY AND TO GROW** by Flora Sleson Wuelmer (Abingdon, 159 pp., \$1.25).

In depth, the author answers such questions as: How do I get beyond thinking prayer is good discipline to finding it the most exciting experience in the world? For those to pray and to grow, this perceptive book is who seek freedom through prayer, who want a creative beginning.

**SELECT SERMON OUTLINES AND BIBLE READINGS** by F. E. Marsh (Baker, paperback, 74 pp., \$1). Very brief sermon outlines, with suggested Scripture accompanying each point in the outline.

**UNHOOKED** by James R. Adair (Baker, paperback, 159 pp., \$1.25).

These dramatic, true stories are first-person accounts of people who have experienced the horror of drug addiction but who have been "unhooked" by a realization of God's love for them.

**CAUGHT WITH MY HANDS FULL** by Winnie Christensen (Harold Shaw Publishers, Wheaton, Ill., paper, \$1.25, 140 pp.).

The author writes of ways that a Christian can be of service to his or her community, through service to those in the local jails, ghetto, nursing homes, etc.

**SESSION PLANNING FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS** by Nancy Geyer and Shirley Noll (Judson Press, \$3.95).

This packet, which is published by the American Baptist Convention, contains materials needed for a series of workshops on session planning for Sunday School teachers. In addition to the leader's guide, there are three wall charts, three sets of work sheets for participants, and copies of the script for a skit.

**THE ROADS OF GOD** by John W. May (Baker, 79 pp., paper, \$1.50).

These are spoken of as meditations, for Easter, but they actually present messages which should be preached throughout the year. The author presents to roads of Majesty, Ministry, Fellowship, Mission, Memory, and Miracle.

**THERE'S COMFORT IN HIS LOVE** by Claude C. McDonald, Jr. (Revell, 160 pp., \$3.95).

Sixteen stories of actual experiences of people that have revealed the power of God's love and the joy of Christ in human hearts. Each story is preceded by a prologue explaining the purpose of the story and by an epilogue which gives a summary of the spiritual meaning of the experience.

**God's MINUTE, Volume II** edited by Edward Viening (Zondervan, 306 pp., \$2.95).

This is a book of brief prayers penned by Christian men. A book of daily prayers for home worship, it includes a prayer for every day in the year. Contributors include W. A. Criswell, Carl F. H. Henry, J. Edgar Hoover, J. C. Penney, and others.

**QUICKIE QUIZZES FORM THE BIBLE** by Charles Vander Meer (Baker, 45 pp., 79 cents).

Thirty-two quizzes compiled by the Children's Bible Hour Quizmaster, "Mr. Charlie."

**THE PRINCE OF PEACE** (Christian Literature Crusade, paperback, 35 cents).

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**THE NEW TESTAMENT IN CROSSWORD PUZZLES** by Lucile Johnson (Baker, paper, \$1.50).

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**LIVING VISTAS** by Mary E. Lockhart (Abingdon, 112, \$3.25).

The author invites every reader to share in the wonder, inspiration, strength, and abounding love she has found in God's out-of-doors. Both the inside and outside of this little book — the writing and the binding are of extraordinarily fine quality.

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**LETTERS TO CINDY FROM AN OLDER SISTER** by Dan Seagen (Zondervan, paperback, 111 pp.). Letters to a younger sister from an older sister "tell it like it is for girls!" The letters are from the viewpoint of a Christian teen-ager.

**MINISTERING TO FAMILY, A PLANNING GUIDE** by George W. Knight (Convention Press, 32 pp., paperback). This is a planning handbook for use by members of the church council or a comparable planning group in the church. It gives suggestions for an effective family ministry approach.

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**BUT IF IT DIES** by B. H. Pearson (Christian Literature Crusade, 109 pp., \$1).

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**THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED & THE COMMUNITY** by Louis Arthur Michaux (Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, 122 pp., \$6.75).

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# God's Judgment Upon Israel

By Clifton J. Allen  
Amos 1:1; 2:4 to 3:15; 6:8; 8:4-7  
Amos is often called the prophet of righteousness or the prophet of justice. He may also be called the prophet of judgment. To understand this, one must keep in mind the state of the Northern Kingdom. Amos prophesied around 750 B. C. Jeroboam II was king. He had extended the borders of the nation north and east. It was a time of unusual prosperity. Major trade routes passed through Israel, and wealthy traders took maximum advantage of their opportunity. Luxurious living prevailed. But in justice, indulgence, immorality, hy-



pocrisy, and idolatry were eating at the vitals of the nation's life. Into this religiously and morally bankrupt national scene Amos came with the word of the Lord.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**From Shepherd To Prophet**  
**Verse 1:1**  
Amos was not self-appointed. Nothing about his background could account for him. He was a herdsman from Tekoa, a town in Judah some six miles south of Bethlehem. He was not the son of a prophet, neither a member of a prophetic guild. His credentials were the fact that God laid his hand on him and said, "Go, prophesy unto my people Israel" (Amos 7:15). Thus the shepherd was made a prophet by the commission of God. He had lived in quietness enough to hear the divine word and

call. He was spiritually sensitive and had thus gained insight into the deep realities of life.

He thought deeply. Amos observed closely. He had learned much about the nations surrounding Israel and Judah. He had become a student of history, and he could understand God's dealings with men. When he saw unscrupulous merchants defrauding and robbing and crushing the poor, the heart of Amos burned with righteous indignation. When he saw evidences of intemperance and love of ease and defiance of God, Amos knew that Israel's doom was sealed. And when he heard the call of God to go and declare the word of the Lord to Israel, Amos could not be silenced. Though living in Judah, he was sent to Israel. Perhaps in Bethel he had often sold the wool from his flock.

But now he went to warn the people of the judgment of God.

**Rebellion And Idolatry**  
**Verses 2:4-6**  
The reference to three or four transgressions was simply an indefinite number suggesting many transgressions but including them all. Judah had betrayed its stewardship of privilege and now must face severe but righteous judgment. The people of Judah had rejected the law of the Lord. Their "lies"—that is, their idols—had led them astray. The people should have learned from their history that God had to be reckoned with, that his laws could not be flouted without consequences. But their foolish stupidity and moral perversity shut them up to the necessity of severe measures of judgment. The fire of divine retribution would fall on that favored land, destroy its strongholds, and send the people into captivity.

**Greed And Injustice**  
**Verses 2:6-7a; 8:4-7**  
The message of Amos was directed chiefly to Israel. Greed resulting in oppression and injustice seemed to dominate much of the nation's life. The prophet's descriptions showed the heartless cruelty of grasping, greedy, money-mad traders taking advantage of helpless people. Justice

was perverted in courts as judges, for bribes, declared the innocent guilty. Creditors would sell debtors into slavery for small debts. Dishonest merchants longed impatiently for the sabbath to pass or religious festivals to conclude so that they could carry on their profiteering without interruption. Every kind of deceit through short measures and double weights was used to defraud the poor, even to buy the poor for silver and sell refuse or rotten wheat for further gain. Through Amos the word of God came to a wicked nation. He declared the oath of the Lord, "Surely I will never forget any of their works." God cannot be deceived. The terrible judgment of God is a reality. The nation that fears the Lord will not be moved. But the nation—and the same is true of individuals or a generation—that sells its soul for the love of money and the love of pleasure will reap the consequences of the righteous judgment of the Lord.

**Truths to Live By**  
God equips his messengers to declare the truth. Amos is one of the best illustrations. God equipped him with a strong sense of his calling, with a heart full of compassion for the oppressed and helpless, with clear understanding of the purpose of God and of the evils in Israel and with courage to confront selfish and hardened men with warnings of judgment and the demands of their covenant faith. Amos surely thought deeply about the nature of religion, about the moral implications of God's laws, and about God's dominion over all men. God needed just such a person as this rugged shepherd to become a fearless voice in Israel. If any person is willing to become a voice for the Lord and will use his intelligence and every opportunity offered to him to bear the word of the Lord, he will become a messenger of righteousness.

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and mercy, of salvation and peace, of direction and hope.

God is active in judgment in the world now. And we are foolish to forget it, to ignore it. It is true that we do not have insight and wisdom to identify specific ways in which God judges individuals and nations. To try to identify specific acts of God's judgment would be almost equivalent to claiming God's role of judging. But we can see the operation of God's judgment in general ways—pertaining to individuals and to nations. We can see sorrow and failure and death and destruction resulting from wickedness, and this proves that God is in control of the moral universe. We can see evidences of God's activity in the history of nations, bringing the haughty to downfall and the ungodly to collapse. God's timetable is not the one we would devise. In his own time and in his own way, he will cause righteousness to prevail, justice to be vindicated, and goodness to triumph. God knows the way of the righteous and will sustain them, but the way of the ungodly will perish.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Jeremiah, A Reluctant Prophet, But True To Ministry

By Bill Duncan  
Jeremiah 1  
If there ever was a preacher that had a hard situation, it was Jeremiah. When one understands the ministry of Jeremiah in Judah, he sees the thankless task. But there never was one who was more heroically true to his sacred ministry. The book of Jeremiah gives us the prophetic utterances of the prophet of strength and tears to his decadent age.



Many years ago, Lord Macaulay said of Jeremiah's ministry: "It is difficult to conceive any situation more painful than that of a great man, condemned to watch the lingering agony of an exhausted country, to tend it during the alternate fits of stupefaction and raving which precede its dissolution, and to see the symptoms of vitality disappear one by one, till nothing is left but coldness, darkness, and corruption."

"It was Jeremiah's lot to prophesy at a time when all things in Judah were running down to the final and mournful catastrophe: when political excitement was at its height when the worst passions swayed the various parties, and the most fatal counsels prevailed. It was his to stand in the way over which his nation was rushing headlong to destruction; to make an heroic effort to arrest it. And to

turn it back and to fail and be compelled to step to one side and see his own people, whom he loved with the tenderness of a woman, plunge over the precipice into the world, weltering ruin."

Three important events took place during the ministry of Jeremiah that must be borne in mind as one reads this book. (1) The Battle of Carchemish between Judah and Egypt in which Josiah died. (2) The battle between Babylon and Egypt again at Carchemish when Babylon gained the victory and the region of Judah came under the power of Babylon. (3) The fall of Jerusalem, and the carrying away of the people to captivity.

The kings listed in Jeremiah 1:3 were responsible for the conditions of the nation. Josiah attempted to restore divine worship. Jehoiachim was a vessel of Egypt and then of Babylon, Jehoiachin reigned for only three months and was succeeded by Zedekiah whose reign was a period of religious darkness, moral corruption, political intrigue during which the nation moved downward. Throughout this period Jeremiah gave Jehovah's message and he was mocked, persecuted, and imprisoned as a man of loneliness and tears.

**The Call of Jeremiah to the Prophetic Office**  
**Verses 4-10**  
The call of Jehovah to Jeremiah acknowledged that God appeared of him as God's chosen instrument from the beginning. He was set apart for this

special use as a prophet not only to Judah but also the nations hostile to them. This call came when he was a young man under 25 years of age. The reluctance shows that he did not assume the office under the impulse of self-deceiving fanaticism as false prophets did.

The call was to prophesy against people. Anyone who would be a faithful prophet would find that his message would not always be easy. Jeremiah was naturally timid and sensitive; yet the Spirit moulded him to the necessary degree of courage without taking away his peculiar individuality. The touch of God on the mouth was a symbolical act of giving the prophet a message.

The message of the prophet was to predict the nation's destruction or restoration according to whether their conduct was bad or good. What the prophet said is as certain as if it were done. The words of verse 10 describe work of destruction and construction: "To pluck up and to break down, and to destroy and to overthrow."

God is said to do what Jeremiah is called upon to say. God did try to awaken the nation by punishment. "To build and to plant" suggest the constructive side of the prophetic ministry. The purpose of God's tearing down was to lead the people to repentance. It is for planting according to his will and for building according to His line and His plummet.

**The Message of the Prophet**  
The message of God was to be in line with what was going on in the nations. "What seest thou?" The first thing the prophet saw was a rod of an almond tree. This was only a figure of the tree which was covered with blossoms before the leaves appeared. It was a sign of spring time. This was a symbol of God's early execution of his purposes. This was a promise that God would make the message to be respected even though the people did not pay attention to it then.

The second thing the prophet saw was a boiling pot. The pot in the north rested on one side, its mouth, being

about to be poured out toward the south. The boiling pot was a symbol of the war. In the north of Judah four nations were fighting against one another and the hour was approaching when one would gain control of the rest and then he would turn their attention toward Judah.

The prophet of God needed to know these things. God's word is blossoming to full life and God will see to it that it is carried out. Also all tumult and clash of arms are under divine government. Therefore, the word of God is fire in the bones, an agony of the soul, and must be spoken.

The first chapter of Jeremiah is not given to discourage but to encourage us. God still continues to speak. Whether men listen or not, God is speaking. The word of God is powerful; it destroys and it preserves. We need to pray, not merely that the word of God may come to us, but that we may know it when it comes and listen, and pay attention to it. Some say that the Bible is neglected today. Why? Could it be because we have heard it, and not obeyed its teaching, and therefore it is an idle book to us?

I think it is encouraging to know that God uses the mouths, hearts, and minds of people conscious of their inability. It is not always the wise that are used. The right to proclaim the word of God is the conviction of divine authority. The divine ordination and divine revelation are the two important ingredients for a message from God for the people. Because one has a consciousness of the sufficiency of God, one does not have to venture forth in his own strength. One should go to witness in the strength of God.

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## East Booneville Outgrows Seating Space; Now Has Used Church Furniture For Sale

Pastor Joe Herndon at East Booneville Church says, "No, we are not closing our doors or going out of business. In fact, it is just the opposite."

We have run out of seating for the large attendance on Sunday mornings. The Sunday school and worship attendance has grown tremendously in the past few months. On several occasions we were barely able to seat them."

The church has voted to buy new pews in order better to utilize the space they have and to gain over one hundred in seating capacity (at present they have much wasted space in aisles and short pews). On a recent Sunday, some people were seated in chairs in the aisles. "As long as they come," says the pastor, "We shall certainly try to provide for their comfort and a suitable place to worship the Lord."

The church wants to sell its present furnishings and will sell at a reasonable price. The furnishings consist of enough pews to seat over 200, pulpit stand, two chairs, communion table, and two flower stands.

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## Revival Dates

**Tinsley Church (Yazoo):** April 25-30; Rev. Wallace (Buddy) Russell, pictured, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Ozark, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Jimmy Everrett, student at Mississippi College, song leader; Rev. Ben Bennett, pastor.



**Pelahatchie Church:** April 21-25; lay-led revival; services 7 p.m. Wed., Sun. and 11 a.m. Sunday; Claude Townsend of Florence, evangelist; Roddy Simmons, music minister of Brandon, First, and Larry Ford, music minister of Pelahatchie, in charge of music; nightly testimonies by Baptist laymen; Rev. Bob Mad-dux, pastor.

**Hillcrest (George County):** May 10, 16; Rev. J. R. Boutwell, Mobile, Alabama, evangelist; Jimmy Powell, music director; Rev. Thomas E. Manning, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

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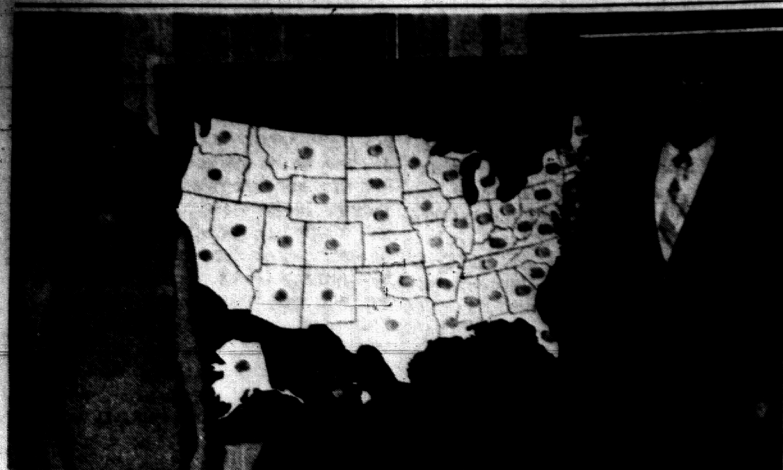
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## Clarke Students Excited Over Mission Offering

Clarke College students have their own dramatic way of featuring the annual mission offering. They seem to want to pile thrill upon thrill as they register achievement in reaching a goal. Shown above are Kathy Jones, Lafayette, Ala., Baptist Young Women president and J. B. Costilow, B. S. U. director, as they stand beside the large United States map where each of the fifty states has a lighted bulb. This indicates that at least \$500 was given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Each Tuesday and Thursday in Chapel from nine to twelve students walked up to the platform in single file and turned on a bulb (\$10.00 each) while the organist played *Open My Eyes That I May See*. This was their way of saying "I'm supporting the missionary program in every single state and praying for a still greater vision."

To be sure, more than \$500 was finally given and candles had to be lighted to show the more than \$100 added.

This year Clarke students gave for a double purpose — 60% to Annie Armstrong and 40% to the B.S.U. Sum-

### Carson Ridge Homecoming

Carson Ridge Homecoming Day is set for the fourth Sunday, April 25. Singing will begin at 10 a.m. Rev. Edd Campbell of Thomastown, a former pastor, will bring the morning message at 11.

Lunch will be served at 12 and singing will continue in the afternoon. The public is invited.

mer Mission program. High interest prevailed all during the days when the members of the "Clarke family" turned in their personal offerings as they were able (no goal was set). But excitement was felt when the service of thanksgiving was held and prayer was lifted again and again that "our offerings be used powerfully."

### 1st. Crystal Springs Honors Pastor On 17th Anniversary

On Sunday evening, April 11, a reception was held at First Church, Crystal Springs, honoring Rev. and Mrs. A. Estus Mason, marking the seventeenth year of their ministry in Crystal Springs.

On April 15, 1954, the Masons moved to Crystal Springs from Southside Church, Meridian.

During these years the church has grown in all areas under his leadership. He has baptized 576 converts and another 689 have joined by letter. The budget has grown from \$65,000 to \$108,545.

For more than 20 years Mr. Mason was on the Board of Trustees for Clarke College, and served as chairman for a portion of that time. For the past several years he has been a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. This is his third year on the Executive Committee of



### "How Do I Look In A Moslem Dress?"

"HOW DO I LOOK IN A Moslem dress?" asks Juanita DuBose, who plans to spend 10 weeks this summer working as a nurse in the Baptist Hospital of Gaza in the Arab Middle East. Juanita, a senior at William Carey College, is being sponsored by the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi. Shown helping her adjust to Middle Eastern culture are two Arab students at Carey from Nazareth, Israel. At left is Jarcer Tabari, whose father is a prominent Arab lawyer in Israel, and Issa Saba, whose family is actively involved in the Baptist work in Nazareth. Both are freshmen. Juanita is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. DuBose of Orlando, Florida.

### Rock Branch Welcomes Pastor

Rev. Henry M. Cupstid has accepted a call to become the new pastor at Rock Branch Church, near Union, Ms. His new pastorate became effective March 21.

Mr. Cupstid was born in Bogalusa, Louisiana, and moved to Rock Branch from Vicksburg. He attended Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He was formerly pastor of churches in Calhoun and Kemper Counties.

He is the son of Mrs. Etta W. Cupstid of Vicksburg.

the Board, and he is currently serving as co-chairman of that committee. He is also the chairman of the Personnel Committee for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Throughout his ministry he has placed great emphasis on missions. In 1968 he was chosen to go to the Union of South Africa on a missionary speaking tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason have two daughters, Mrs. Roy Kitchens of Jackson and Mrs. Bob Evans of Alamogordo, New Mexico; they are also the proud grandparents of 2 girls and 2 boys.

## Off The Record

It's unfortunate these days that by the time a family acquires a nest egg, inflation has turned it into chicken feed.

Please excuse Jimmie for being absent. He had a new baby brother. It was not his fault.

Getting old is merely a matter of feeling your corns more than you feel your oats.

Every woman needs the protection of a strong man — one who will steady the step ladder while she paints the kitchen ceiling.

### Tried and Proven

"I've come to pay that bill I've owed you for so long," said Jones. "That letter you wrote me would get money out of a stone. How did you ever think it up?"

Replied his creditor: "I didn't. I selected the best part from letters my son sends me from college."

Politics is the art of making yourself popular with people by giving them grants out of their own money.



### Sturgis Completes New Pastor's Home

Members of the Building Committee of the Sturgis Church pose before the new pastor's home on a recent Sunday. Presenting the keys to the pastor, Rev. Robert Jackson, is John Gray, chairman. Other members l to r: Mrs. L. E. Hamill, Mrs. William McKinnon, M. T. Jackson, and Mrs. Elean Long. The recently completed home contains 282 square feet, and consists of four bedrooms, a large family room, living room, dining room, kitchen and breakfast room, utility room, two baths, and carport. It is all-electric with central heat and cooling, and was erected at an approximate cost of \$22,000.



### "Seeing Double" At Calvary, Waynesboro

Calvary Church, Waynesboro, has broken most church records this church year. Seen are Mrs. Neva Seawright and her twin sister, Mrs. Lilly Fay Harrison, Pam and Tammy Adams, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams; and Joseph and Jonathan McLain, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan McLain. It is seldom that one finds three sets of twins in one church in the same Sunday School Division, as is true of Calvary, Waynesboro. Mrs. Seawright and Mrs. Harrison are workers in the Pre-school Division. These three sets of twins play an important part in keeping attendance high at Calvary Sunday school. The church's Sunday school was the first in the state in 1971 to apply for Merit Achievement award. The Sunday school director is Arthur Lee Nored, and the pastor is Rev. Jerry Henderson. The entire church is experiencing much growth.

JOSH BILLINGS: Consider the postage stamp, my son. Its usefulness consists in sticking to one thing till it gets there.



### MC Luncheon Honors Doctors

Dr. Wesley W. Hall, president-elect of the American Medical Association and an alumnus of Mississippi College, was the guest of Mississippi College Tuesday, April 13, at a luncheon for him and other medical alumni of Mississippi College. Seated above from the left are, Dr. Arthur Wood, Dr. T. E. Wilson, Dr. Wesley Hall, and Dr. Scott McKoy. Standing in the same order are, Dr. Ellis Moffitt, Dr. B. G. Spell, Dr. E. D. Reynolds, Dr. Charles R. McCollum, Dr. James Luter, Dr. George Purvis, and Dr. James P. Spell. (M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)

### Woodlawn To Observe 25th Anniversary

Rev. Carl S. Barnes, pastor, announces that Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, will be observing its 25th anniversary on Sunday, April 25.

Rev. James Fairchild will be the guest speaker on this day. Mr. Fairchild was serving as superintendent

of missions of Warren County at the time Woodlawn was organized into a church and also served as interim pastor. Don Boone, minister of music, youth, and education, at Woodlawn, will lead the music.

Dinner on the ground will follow the morning worship hour.

Everyone at Woodlawn is looking forward to enjoying worship and fellowship with former members, friends and church family on this day," states the pastor.

## Revival Dates

Pittsburg Church (Calhoun): week-end youth-led revival; April 23 - 25; 7:30 p.m.; a team from Clarke College, composed of Jon Doler, Evangelist, freshman from State Springs; Jim Richardson, music director, sophomore from Varado, Louisiana; Elaine Martin, pianist, sophomore from Petal; and Rhonda Gregory, organist, from Verona, will be in charge; youth fellowship will follow the Saturday evening service; Rev. Sherman Barnette, pastor.

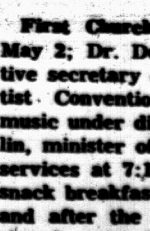
Rocky Creek Church (on highway 63 north of Lucedale): April 23-25; services at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Rev. John Merck, pastor.



First, West Point: April 23-30, services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday; Monday through Friday at 7 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Rev. P. C. Perkins, evangelist, pictured, pastor, First Church, Greenwood; Jerry Neely, music director, minister of music at First Church, West Point; Rev. Joel Haire, pastor; morning services broadcast over WROB.

Corinth (Shannon), Magee: youth-led revival; April 23-25; Gary Googe, and Rex Braswell, guest speakers; services at 7 p.m.

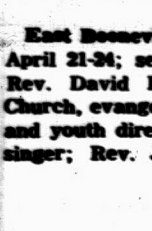
Temple, Hattiesburg: April 23-30; Rev. Drew J. Gunnels, Jr., pictured, pastor of Eastern Hills Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and President of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, visiting evangelist; Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor; C. Truitt Roberts, minister of music at Jefferson Avenue Church, East Point, Georgia, singer; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



First Church, Meridian: April 23-May 2; Dr. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; music under direction of John Laughlin, minister of music of the church; services at 7:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. (A snack breakfast will be served before and after the morning services. The church nurseries will be open each evening. Dr. Beverly Timin, pastor.

First Church, Canton: April 26-May 2; Rev. Billy Joe Pierce, pastor, Barkdale Church, Bossier City, La., evangelist; Cecil Harper, minister of music at First Church, Wiggins, singer; services 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Al Finch, pastor.

First Church, Lucedale: May 1-7, services on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Paul Brooks, pictured, pastor, Greenfield Church, Greenville, evangelist; Frank Dewry, minister of music, Oakwood Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., guest musician; Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor.



East Booneville Church, Booneville: April 21-24; services nightly 7 p.m.; Rev. David Poe, pastor of Sallito Church, evangelist; Gene Gillis, music and youth director of Verona Church, singer; Rev. Joe Herndon, pastor.

### REVIVAL RESULTS

Easthaven, Brookhaven: April 4-6; 15 professions of faith; two by letter, 35 rededications; Rev. David Millican, McComb, evangelist; Bernie Parker, Ozark, Ala., music director; Rev. Charles Dampier, pastor.

Calvary Church, Holly Springs: March 29-April 2; Dr. Jerry E. Oswald, Riverside Church, Mobile, Alabama, evangelist; 38 Christians dedicating themselves to a greater life of service for their Lord; 24 additions, 18 on profession of faith and 6 by letter; Rev. Charles E. Farmer, pastor.

Southside Church, Bonoti: March 28 - April 2; 10 professions of faith; 3 additions by letter; several rededications; Rev. James F. Yates, First Church, Yesso City, evangelist; Rev. Danny White, Calvary Church, Cleveland, music evangelist; Rev. William Jenkins, pastor.

New Hope, Monticello: April 7-10; Rev. Tommy Winders, Oklahoma City, evangelist; Rev. Sam Waggoner, pastor; 14 professions of faith; 31 rededications.

### Devotional: A Parable

## The Call Of A Suffering World

Luke 10:25-36

By John Merck, Pastor, Rocky Creek, Lucedale

There is no more desolate spot on the world's surface than the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Once over the Mount of Olives you leave vegetation and life behind you. The mountains are as barren as can be. There is no water, no homes, nothing.

How many people really understand why Jesus told this story? Perhaps no other passage of scripture in the BIBLE presents the outlook of a SAVED SOUL toward a lost and dying world like this one.

It is significant that the scene took place on a LONELY ROAD. THE PRIEST, the LEVITE, and the GOOD SAMARITAN had no spectator but GOD.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? It seems to me we have been a long time finding out who our NEIGHBOR is. Any person who is in need of our love and help is our NEIGHBOR. "Who is my neighbor?" "Whom shall I love?" The lawyer wanted to know beforehand where he could draw the line. BROTHERN, we don't choose our NEIGHBORS. GOD CHOOSES THEM FOR US.

To the GREEK every man not speaking GREEK was a BARBARIAN. To the JEW, every man not CIRCUMCISED was a GENTILE. To the MOHAMMEDAN, every man not believing in the prophet, and Allah, was an infidel. It was CHRISTIANITY that struck the word BARBARIAN from the dictionary of mankind and replaced it with BROTHER.

BEING A NEIGHBOR MEANS BECOMING PERSONALLY INVOLVED. The Samaritan did it himself. He poured in the oil, he bound up the wounds, he set him on his own beast, he gave the innkeeper his money. Too many of us have become accustomed to acting NEIGHBOR BY DEPUTY. We give money, but we leave it to others to give personal service. I may hire a man to do some work, but I can't hire him to do my work.

THE WOUNDED MAN BY THE ROADSIDE ENCOUNTERED FOUR KINDS OF PEOPLE:

ROBBERS—The people who wanted his money.  
PRIESTS—The people who liked to have respectable business dealings.  
LEVITE—The people who avoided him because he would be a nuisance.  
SAMARITAN—The people who felt like God had given them an opportunity to help.

In this parable are three distinct SOCIAL ATTITUDES, or PHILOSOPHIES of life. One of them is yours.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE ROBBERS — "What is yours is mine, and I will take it." This is the spirit which makes human beings into "economic beasts of prey." The crying sin of today is exploitation. The ignorance and weakness of the people are exploited today. Things are overpriced to many people. Anything more than a fair profit is sin. People sell to the poor and repass it. People sell to the poor something they don't need, taking advantage of their ignorance. (Amos 2:6). "I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes."

PHILOSOPHY OF PRIESTS AND LEVITE — "What's mine is mine, and I'll keep it." All their religion was in their head, it never did reach the heart. See them amidst the crowds at Jerusalem parading their religion. But with their backs turned to the church, they are saints no longer. There is only one thing that will keep us from passing by on the other side. It is the love of God. Why did Jesus bring the priest and the Levite into this parable? Was it not to rebuke an unreluctant, heartless, compassionate, formal religion?

PHILOSOPHY OF THE SAMARITAN. "What's mine is yours, and we'll share it." He did not pull a manuscript out of his pocket and begin to read him a long sermon. The people of this land have been almost preached to death. What we need is to preach more sermons with our hands and our feet.

JOHN SANDERSON: Every time a Christian cheats on his income tax, he perverts and obscures the Gospel.

DWIGHT L. MOODY: Every great movement can be traced to one haunting figure.

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